



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHIAS
SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Go, therefore,
 and make *disciples*
 of all nations

MATTHEW 28:19



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Sat - 5 PM, Sun - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12 noon
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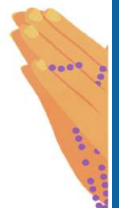
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**HOW CAN YOU MINISTER TO THOSE
 CALLED TO THE
 ORDAINED AND CONSECRATED LIFE?**

Please see page 7 for details.



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

**OUR NEXT ADORATION WILL BE
 MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 3, 2024**

**FROM
 6 PM TO 8 PM.**

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, May 26, 2024 **The Most Holy Trinity**

8:00AM	Mass	Church
10:00AM	Mass – Interpreter	Church
12:00PM	Mass	Church
3:30PM	SMYLE Youth Group	Cafeteria

Monday, May 27, 2024 **St. Augustine, 1st Archbishop of Canterbury**

Memorial Day SMS & Parish Office Closed

8:00AM	No Mass
6:00PM	No Eucharist Adoration

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 **St. Germanus, Bishop of Paris**

8:00AM	Mass	Church
7:00PM	PPC Mtg.	de Porres Rm

Wednesday, May 29, 2024 **St. Pope Paul VI, Pope 8th Grade Trip –all Day**

8:00AM	Mass, St. Joseph Novena	Church
7:30PM	Folk Group Rehearsal	Church

Thursday, May 30, 2024 **St. Joan of Arc – Martyr**

8:00AM	Mass	Church
7:30PM	Sunday 10AM Choir Rehearsal	Church

Friday, May 31, 2024 **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00AM	Mass	Church
5:00PM	SMS 8th Grade Baccalaureate Mass/ Graduation/Reception	Church & Cafeteria

Saturday, Jun 1, 2024 **St. Justin, Martyr**

3:30PM	Reconciliation	Church
5:00PM	Vigil Mass	Church
6:00PM	Corpus Christi Procession after 5PM Mass	

Sunday, Jun 2, 2024 **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

8:00AM	Mass	Church
10:00AM	Mass	Church
11:00AM	Rosary Altar Society Mtg. St. John XXIII Rm	
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 9 AM, MONDAY, 5 business days before the needed bulletin date (earlier for holiday weekends). Approved content is published on a space-available basis.

Dear Friends,

We have been hearing a lot about the National Eucharistic Revival during the past three years, with its national phase, diocesan phase, and the parish phase. In our parish, we have done many events, practices, and devotions – thanks to our enthusiastic Eucharistic Revival Committee. Among those, our weekly Monday adoration is of special importance as so many of our parishioners continue to come on a regular basis to spend half an hour or more in silent prayer and communication with Jesus present in the Eucharist every Monday between 6-8 pm.



The concluding celebration of the National Eucharistic Revival will be in Indianapolis where the 10th Eucharistic Congress will be held from July 17 – 21. This is the First US National Eucharistic Congress in 83 Years. This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. In preparation for this Eucharistic Congress a walking pilgrimage is already on the way to Indianapolis. While pilgrimages have a long legacy within the Church, this is the first undertaken at such a scale - walking coast-to-coast with Our Eucharistic Lord, with four routes from the north, east, south, and west of our country:

- Marian Route (North) starting from: Mississippi Headwaters, Lake Itasca, MN
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route (East) starting from: New Haven, CT
- St. Juan Diego Route (South) starting from: Brownsville, TX
- St. Junipero Serra Route (West) starting from: San Francisco, CA

Pilgrims on our route, the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route, began walking on May 18 with Pentecost Vigil at the tomb of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut. The Seton Route will be punctuated by many meaningful stops. Pilgrims will visit holy sites, embrace the sacraments daily, and publicly proclaim Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist as they accompany him on his way to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress.

Even though we may not be able to walk this pilgrimage or to attend the Eucharistic Congress, we are invited to join this National Eucharistic Pilgrimage for short distances or join for one of the many events scheduled along the way.

We are privileged that the Seton Route will pass through our Diocese of Metuchen this week, on May 27-28, 2024. During these two days, the Diocese of Metuchen will welcome the National Eucharistic 'Perpetual Pilgrims' (the few young adults who will make the full journey to Indianapolis are called the 'Perpetual Pilgrims.') as they process from the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi to St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish, New Brunswick, and St. Augustine of Canterbury in Kendall Park. We are invited and encouraged to eat, pray, and walk with them as they witness to the world that Jesus is here, present in the most Blessed Sacrament, and that he accompanies us -all of us - on our pilgrimage of our individual lives.

Next Sunday is the solemn feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – more popularly known as 'Corpus Christi.' Here at St. Matthias, we plan to continue our beautiful tradition of the Eucharistic Procession around our campus after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday. All are welcome to join this prayerful devotion.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Orapankal

Readings for the Week

Monday 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday 1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mk 10:32-45

Thursday 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12 Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5 Mk 10:46-52

Friday Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

Saturday Jud 17, 20b-25 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 11:27-33

Sunday Ex 24:3-8 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 Heb 9:11-15 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 25	5:00PM	Intention of Parishioners
	5:00PM	Vincent DiNicola, by Rita
Sunday, May 26	8:00AM	Ferdinand Viaud, by Mary Ann Viaud
	10:00AM	Aresio & Erminia Toscana, by The Family
	12:00PM	Intention of Parishioners
Monday, May 27	8:00AM	No Mass - Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 28	8:00AM	Ferdinand Viaud, by Mary Ann Viaud
Wednesday, May 29	8:00AM	Jose & Asuncion Mendoza, by Granddaughter
Thursday, May 30	8:00AM	Michael Koruda, by The Aiello Family
Friday, May 31	8:00AM	Hugh Scott, by The Scott Family
Saturday, June 1	5:00PM	Birthday Blessings for Joseph A. Ramos, by Mom
Sunday, June 2	8:00AM	John Blum, by The Busono Family
	10:00AM	Intention of Parishioners
	12:00PM	Harto Sukendro & Ratna Sintawati Rahardja, by The Sukendro 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 kccounts@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.

Kristin Baio	Hattie Evans	Donna Kahora	Menchie Molano-Sotelo	Sr. Bernadine Marie Stemnock
Olga Marie Bando	Sharon Gadomski	Betsy Kondrat	Danny Ongchango	Catherine Steele
Carolyn Banghart	Heinley Gaspard	Kathy Langenbacher	Robert Pellegrino	Anita Vance
Brandon Barbarite	Claudia Gemgnani	Rose Larangeira	Robert Pietrowiak	Eileen Weber
Ghislaine Baron	Emma Gergely	Armando D. Liban	Randolff Pinard	Nancy Whelan
Helen Bell	Claude Godet	Mary Lou Litrakis	Valerie Polci	Theresa Sau-Ling Yung
Samantha Bellouny	Marie Godet	John Litrakis	Prasek/Scarpa Family	Ginette Zamor
Carmen Bender	Shelly Greene	Denis Loboda	Kim Price	Anne Zando
Mary Bostrom	Linda Hartong	Aries Magali	Denise Pultro	
Robert Brisson	Jeff Hentz	Kenneth & Kelly Magat	Nina Ripley	And for all who are ill, homebound, elderly, in nursing care, or living with chronic illness, we pray.
Tara Capatosto	Gene Horan	Al Maglio	Gabriel Rivera	
Elizabeth Card	Marilyn Horvath	Susan, King & Tosh Manansala	Arina Robinson	
Rustico Castellano, Jr.	Jerry & Donna Hucul	Alexandra Marquez	Bob Rotz	
Lisa DeFeo	Amanda Isele	Christine Matthews	Marisa Ruppel	
Zenon DeGuzman	Baby Elaine Isele	Ann McElwee	Maria Schwenzer	
Vivian Dong	Nick Isele	Jessica Marie Merrick	Amy Shepp	
Sanora Doyen	Jean Alix Jolly	Gail Miranda	Sr. Rosaria Shina, OSF	
Andrea Dubuisson	Renée Jolly			

Pray for those who have died...

— "His mercy endures forever." Chronicles

Christine A. Retz, Lorraine Sabella,

Reflect



Smile with Your Family



An irate customer calling the newspaper offices, loudly demanded to know where her Sunday edition was. 'Ma'am, said the employee, today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered 'til Sunday.' There was quite a pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition. 'So that's why no one was in church today.' 😊

Doctor: Did you take those pills I gave you to improve your memory?

Patient: What pills? 😊

The night clerk at the hotel was surprised to see a guest walking down the corridor in his underwear. "What are you doing?" the clerk called out. When he got no response, he shouted, "HEY! YOU!" Looking startled, the man replied: "I'm sorry, I'm a somnambulist." "I don't care what denomination you belong to", said the clerk, "You can't go wandering around the hotel like this." 😊

Trinitarian pastor: One parishioner said, "The Trinitarian God is a lot like our pastor. He is invisible during the weekdays and incomprehensible on Sundays." 😊

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!" 😊



Parenting Tune-Up

Does your child know what Holy Trinity means? How can God be 3 in 1? A simple way to explain this mystery is: each of us is one person but we have different personalities, gifts, and jobs to do. Which person of the Trinity do you relate to most? Creator, Redeemer, Spirit.

Marriage Tune-Up

The family has been used as an analogy of the Holy Trinity. Although an imperfect analogy, father, mother and child/children can become Trinitarian by imitating the unity of the Trinity and the love the three persons of the Trinity have for each other.



How Saints explained the Holy Trinity

Since the Holy Trinity is a mystery, all these examples are only the shadows of the shadows of the truth. The shamrock, a kind of clover, is a leguminous herb that grows in marshy places.

St. Patrick, the missionary patron saint of Ireland, used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. The story goes that one day his friends asked Patrick to explain the Mystery of the Trinity. He looked at the ground and saw shamrocks growing amid the grass at his feet. He picked one with its trifoliate leaves and asked if it were one leaf or three. Patrick's friends couldn't answer – the shamrock leaf looked like one, but it clearly had three parts. Patrick explained to them: "The mystery of the Holy Trinity – one God in Three Persons: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - is like this, but more complex and unintelligible."

St. Cyril, the teacher of the Slavs, tried to explain the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity using sun as an example. He said, "God the Father is that blazing sun. God the Son is its light and God the Holy Spirit is its heat — but there is only one sun. So, there are three Persons in the Holy Trinity, but God is One and indivisible."

St. John Maria Vianney used to explain Holy Trinity using lighted candles and roses on the altar and water in the cruets. "The flame has color, warmth and shape. But these are expressions of one flame. Similarly, the rose has color, fragrance and shape. But these are expressions of one reality, namely, rose. Water, steam and ice are three distinct expressions of one reality. In the same way one God revealed Himself to us as Father, Son and the Holy Spirit."

“... When God is in It.”

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28: 16-20

A Quaker pastor remembers the insight he learned from a woman who was part of the meeting he once pastored: "[This] elderly woman had committed herself to works of mercy. As I got to know her better, I was astounded at the many ways in which she had blessed hurting people. Though her income was modest, she lived simply so she could give generously. Though her many commitments kept her calendar full, she still found time to be present for those who needed comfort. The longer I knew her, the more I marveled at her charity, given the scarcity of her resources. Because of her humility, she was reluctant to talk with others about her own accomplishments. But one day she let slip the principle that guided her life, when she said to me, 'Little is much when God is in it.'

"I have thought of that many times since, appreciating its truth more and more as the years pass. Little does become much when love is present. Love does magnify our works. Jesus knew this.

He knew even the smallest gesture of love could transform the darkest situation and so fully committed himself to divine love that we are still awed by his life. Believe me when I tell you this: We can be like him, and like all the other God-bearers our world has known . . . We can be like him when we say yes to the Divine Presence that is also in us, as thoroughly as we are able. As we do that, our lives, and the lives of others, will be transformed. God's joy will be in us, and our joy will be full." [From *The Evolution of Faith: How God Is Creating a Better Christianity* by Philip Gulley.]

Today's solemnity of the Holy Trinity celebrates the many ways God makes his presence known in our lives, in the manifestations of his love in our lives and our world. This Sunday of the Trinity invites us to look with a new awareness to behold God in our midst: God is the Father and Creator of all life, including our very selves, who fashions every molecule and atom that nurtures and sustains our lives. God is the Son and the Brother, the Redeemer who teaches us the unfathomable love of the God we seek. God is the

Spirit of that love that creates and enables us to break out of the isolation that entraps us and become family and community. May this Solemnity of the Trinity reawaken our senses and our consciousness to behold God's love in our lives, making even the "little" into "much" that is holy and sacred.



Can we ever relate to the Holy Trinity?

Preaching about the Trinity can be one of the most daunting tasks for a priest or deacon.

I know some people who actually schedule their vacations so they don't have to be in the pulpit for Trinity Sunday. Instead of wrestling with abstract mysteries like the "hypostatic union" or pondering the complexities of St. Patrick and the shamrock, maybe we need to think more simply. Because this Sunday's readings suggest that, the Trinity is as close as a smile.

Think for just a moment about something that makes you sublimely happy. Maybe it was a knock-knock joke told by your grandson. Or maybe it was the way your wife smiled when you came home at the end of the day. Or maybe it was staying awake just to watch your newborn baby sleeping in his crib. Think about those moments in your life that have given you joy. Because in those moments, you have touched the Trinity—and the Trinity has touched you. One of the great theologians from the fourteenth century, the Dominican priest Meister Eckhart, defined the Trinity this way: *"When the Father laughs at the Son and the Son laughs back at the Father, that laughter gives pleasure, that pleasure gives joy, that joy gives love, and that love is the Holy Spirit."* That definition says it all—and it reminds us of something too easily forgotten in our faith. And that something is: joy. To Eckhart, the element that binds the Trinity together—what sparks its existence, really—is something exuberant. It is love brought about by joy. The novelist Leon Bloy understood that. "Joy," he wrote, "is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." Where joy is...there also is God. And where you find God, you can't help but find the Trinity. Just listen again to the first reading, quoting the "wisdom of God," which some scholars believe is another way of defining the Holy Spirit. And here is what "wisdom" says: "When the Lord established the heavens, I was there...then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race." There you have an infallible sign of the presence of God. A playful presence. A delighted presence. A joyful presence.

But for whatever reason, many of us tend to face the Lord with grim faces and furrowed brows. Is that what he really wants? Scripture reminds us, again and again, how God takes delight in creation. We shouldn't be afraid to express that, or share in it. Because to share in that joy is to share in the Trinity—and feel the nearness and excitement of God's love for us. It is the love of a father for his children, the love of a brother for what he has redeemed, the love of an abiding Spirit for what he has sanctified. (*Deacon Greg Kandra*)

“But the Machine can’t ask me about my Arthritis!”

The true story is told of a woman named Mamie who made frequent trips to the branch post office. One day she confronted a long line of people who were waiting for service from the postal clerk. Mamie only needed stamps, so a helpful observer asked her, "Why don't you just use the stamp machine? You can get all the stamps you need and you won't have to wait in line." Mamie said, "I know, but the machine can't ask me about my arthritis." That's part of the wisdom of Christ's coming to our earth to live among us as described in today's Gospel (John 3: 16-18). He can relate to us in all of our daily needs. As we try to walk in Jesus' steps, we might do well to pray the ancient Irish poem set to an Irish ballad tune, which says,

**Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

“I’m surprised at You!”

An English teacher of a 21-sophomore high school class put a small chalk dot on the blackboard. He then asked the class what it was. A few seconds passed and then someone said, "That is a chalk dot on the blackboard." The rest of the class seemed relieved that the obvious had been stated, and no one else had anything to say. "I'm surprised at you," the teacher told the class. "I did the same exercise yesterday with a group of kindergartners and they thought of 50 different things the chalk mark could be: an owl's eye, a cigar butt, the top of a telephone pole, a star, a pebble, a squashed bug, a rotten egg, a bird's eye, and so on." The older students had learned how to find a right answer, but had lost the ability to look for more than one right answer.

The Holy Spirit helps us, in His wonderful Wisdom, to see more than we might have seen by ourselves. The Spirit's vision allows us wonderful options for expansion and new possibilities. It is the Spirit's Wisdom that reveals the Word to us. It is the Wisdom of the Spirit that shows us our sin, which guides us, which instructs us, which leads us in the way to Life Everlasting.



Marian Devotions - 4

The Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel that is worn around the neck is neither a good luck charm, talisman nor amulet. It is a sacramental - an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection. It stands for a commitment to follow Jesus, like Mary, the perfect model of all the Disciples of Christ. This commitment finds its origin in baptism by which we become children of God.

The Sundial



A missionary from Africa, on his home-leave, came across a beautiful sundial. He thought to himself, "That sundial would be ideal for my villagers in Africa. I could use it to teach them to tell the time of the day." The missionary bought the sundial, crated it and took it back to Africa. When the village chief saw it, he insisted that it be set up in the center of the village. The villagers were thrilled with the sundial. They had never seen something so beautiful in their lives. They were even more thrilled when they learned how it worked. The missionary was delighted by everyone's response to his sundial. He was totally unprepared for what happened a few days later. The people of the village got together and built a roof over the sundial to protect it from the rain and the sun!

Well, I think the sundial is a lot like the Holy Trinity, and we Christians are a lot like the African villagers. The most beautiful revelation of our faith is the teaching about the Holy Trinity, namely, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. But instead of putting the teaching to work in our daily lives, we have built a roof over it, just as the villagers did over their sundial. For many of us the Trinity seems of little practical value, when it comes to our daily lives. We treat it more like an ornament of our Faith.

A Scientist's Illustration of Trinity

A good illustration of the Trinity comes from world-renowned scientist Dr. Henry Morris. He notes that the entire universe is Trinitarian by design. The universe consists of three things: matter, space, and time. Take away any one of those three and the universe would cease to exist. However, each one of those is itself a trinity. Matter = mass + energy + motion. Space = length + height + breadth. Time = past + present + future. Thus the whole universe witnesses to the character of the God who made it (cf. Psalm 19:1).



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The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be travelling through our diocese this May 27-28. If you would like to learn more about the NEC, you may visit

<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/> which, among other things, contains an

interactive map that allows you to explore each of the four unique routes across the United States. If you would like to learn more about what we are doing to welcome the “perpetual pilgrims” to the Diocese of Metuchen, you can check out our website at <https://diometuchen.org/nep2024>. The pilgrims will be visiting the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi (Metuchen) on Monday, May 27, as well as St. Peter the Apostle (New Brunswick) and St. Augustine of Canterbury (Kendall Park) on Tuesday, May 28.

We have a number of events scheduled, including Praise and Worship at the Cathedral Monday evening, followed by an All Night Vigil, Mass at St. Peter’s Tuesday afternoon, and a presentation on Eucharistic Miracles by Fr. Roger Landry at St. Augustine’s Tuesday evening. The pilgrims will also be walking from the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, to St. Peter the Apostle, New Brunswick, Tuesday afternoon, and from St. Peter’s to St. Augustine of Canterbury, Kendall Park, Tuesday afternoon/evening. All are encouraged to register for as many of these events as they are able to attend. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email Adam in the Diocesan Office at acarlisle@diometuchen.org.



Come and See!

HOW CAN YOU MINISTER TO THOSE CALLED TO THE ORDAINED AND CONSECRATED LIFE?

A VOCATION TO THE ORDAINED AND CONSECRATED LIFE IS GOD’S INVITATION TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND HIS PEOPLE IN A PARTICULAR STATE OR WAY OF LIFE.

JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION WHERE WE, AS A FAMILY, WILL DEEPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS WAY OF LIFE, AS WELL AS INTERCEDE FOR AN INCREASE OF VOCATIONS TO THE ORDAINED AND CONSECRATED LIFE.

Saturday, June 8th 2024
9:30 am to noon
St. Matthias School
John XXIII ROOM



Baptisms from January, February & April

The Catholic Community of St. Matthias

welcomes the following children who were baptized in **January, February & April**.

We support them with prayers and ask that their parents nurture them so they can grow to be faith-filled people of God and our parish community.

January -

- William Santos Ettinger,*
- Matteo Yorro Jacinto,*
- Issac Joseph Lomba,*
- Liza Antoinette Ott*

February -

- Leiah Lillybeth Nichols*

April -

- Timothy James Bodnar II,*
- Meadow Marie D’Orsogna,*
- Kai Brooks Krissow,*
- Mila Lua Monferrari,*
- Lorenzo Tumaneng Paredes,*
- Rina Lucia Torres Postadan,*
- Harper Marie Recine,*
- Cameron Paul Rooney,*
- Julian Francisco Segovia,*
- Jaxon Zoltan Ster*



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CAMP INVENTION AT ST. MATTHIAS SCHOOL!

June 17-21, 2024

Thanks to rave reviews from campers, parents, and teachers, we're bringing **Camp Invention** back for its 7th year at St. Matthias School!

Even better, our 2024 program is full of all-new, hands-on STEM fun!

Don't miss out—register students going into grades Kindergarten - 6th grade at invent.org/mylocalcamp until camp starts. Register by **March 27th** using **FUN25** to **save \$25** or by **May 16th** using **FUN15** to **save \$15!** If you have multiple children use **SIBLOVE30** to **save \$30** for 2 siblings and **SIBLOVE40** to **save \$40** for 3 or more siblings!

Contact Camp Director, **Christine Taylor** at ctaylor@stmatthiasnj.org for any questions.

Camp Week: June 17-21, 2024

For students 7th grade to 9th grade, you can register as Leaders-in-Training to help support the teachers at a discounted registration fee and for students 10th grade and up you can get 40 volunteer hours by registering and helping that week!



Cub Scout Pack 195 / Boy Scout Troop 154



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All proceeds from the event will help fund Pack 195 and Troop 154 Scout Activity Program

THANK YOU



SATURDAY JUNE 8th, 2024
10AM-3PM

ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH
168 JFK BLVD, SOMERSET



Suggested Donation (cash or check):

Car - \$10, Minivan/SUV - \$15

More info: www.scoutpack195nj.com



Connect



Alzheimer's Support Group **Meets in Person** on June 12, at 2:00PM

The Alzheimer's Association and Saint Matthias Catholic Church are co-hosting a monthly Support Group for individuals living with Alzheimer's or Dementia, their care partners, and others dealing with the disease. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, June 12th, from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm in the Parish Office at St. Matthias.** To register, call 800-272-3900 and mention the St. Matthias group.

The Group provides a safe and supportive environment and offers dementia-related education, emotional support, and connections with resources so that the group members may enhance their lives in the midst of the journey.

For more information, visit alz.org/NJ.

Pastoral Council Seeks New Members

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is the primary advisory body for the Pastor. As we continue to recruit new members, we would like to invite everyone in our parish to help make this leadership body more representative of our entire parish community. What does this mean for you? Do you know a fellow parishioner who you think would be great to have on the Pastoral Council? Speak with that person and ask them to contact the Council's Co-Chairs:

Marilyn Wegg, mcw-wam@comcast.net or Frank Rees, Frees814@gmail.com. If you have been considering joining this ministry, don't be shy. Contact the co-chairs. Everyone is invited to observe a Pastoral Council meeting.



RCIA

If you came for the Easter Vigil, you saw some of our adult parishioners receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. They had undertaken a process known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for about 10 months. Our next process will begin in September. There are weekly gatherings where people come together to share, grow, and understand the Catholic faith. These are not classes but a faith-sharing group. If you know anyone who has not received these Sacraments of Initiation, kindly invite him/her to try this process. Please contact Parish Office at: 732-828-1400.

Give (and Receive!)

Stewardship Totals for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024				Last Year's Total
Current Month	In-Pew/Mail	Parish Giving	Weekly Total	Weekly Total
Week 45 - May 5, 2024	\$9,672.50	\$17,849.00	\$27,521.50	\$32,720.75
Week 46 - May 12, 2024	\$9,859.00	\$23,589.00	\$33,448.00	\$25,629.25
Week 47 - May 19, 2024	\$8,451.15	\$12,992.50	\$21,443.65	\$19,720.25
Week 48 - May 26, 2024			\$0.00	\$19,260.42
			Month-to-date Total	May Total Last Year
Catholic Communications Campaign Collection: \$2,158.00			\$82,413.15	\$97,330.67
			Current Year-to-date	Year-to-date as of May 31,
			\$1,246,666.45	\$1,279,928.71

Stewardship Reflection May 26, 2024 Most Holy Trinity

“The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...” - Romans 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

Reflexiónese - 26 de mayo de 2024 La Santísima Trinidad

“El Espíritu mismo da testimonio de que somos hijos de Dios, y como hijos también herederos, herederos de Dios y coherederos en Cristo...”- Romanos 8:16-17

Si somos los herederos del Reino de Dios, ¿no deberíamos trabajar para construir Su Reino? ¿No deberíamos ser buenos administradores de nuestra herencia, utilizando nuestro tiempo en oración, nuestros talentos en obras de caridad y nuestros tesoros para cuidar de la Iglesia que Dios nos ha dejado? Nuestra Iglesia es una preciada reliquia de Dios. ¿La tratamos como corresponde?



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St. Martin de Porres Society Provides Sponsorship for Haiti Non-Profit

Recently the SMDP Society partnered with the Friends of Montfort, Inc. to sponsor the education of a deaf student at the Institut Montfort in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. Some of the members of the Society, Jocelyne Nau, Yanick Andrè, and Claudette Gaspard, have known of the organization's work as they have sponsored children for many years. For the next year, education funding for the student, Dachecar Antoine (pictured), will come from the Society's support. Since the discontinuance of the Hands Together Haiti/St. Matthias partnership, the SMDP Society had been seeking a partnership with another Haiti organization. If you are interested in sponsoring a child or supporting the organization, you can find information by visiting the Friends of Monfort, Inc. website at www.friendsofmontfort.org

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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.

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.



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