

Pulpit Announcements for the Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time September 8, 2024

Welcome to all who are here today on this
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Whoever you are or wherever you find yourself on the journey. Know
that here at St. Matthias, ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Thank you to those who have already sponsored a Christmas Tree to honor your loved ones, family occasions, or business. We encourage others to do the same. Forms are available in the back of the church or you can pay through Parish Giving via our website.
- With the new screen on the back wall, we will stop the use of the side screens. Please read the media update in the bulletin to clarify any questions you may have.
- When we contribute via check, the Chase Bank requires that the checks must be made out to the “[Church of St. Matthias.](#)” No other variation of this designation will be acceptable due to greater security controls
- Anne Marie Francis and Mary-Frances Reavey our RCIA Coordinators and Team are getting ready for the next Class of 2025. They will appreciate it if you let them know of anyone, in your family or among friends, who has not received the Sacraments of Initiation, especially Confirmation.
- Faith and Fellowship on **Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM at St. Peter the Apostle University & Community Parish Hall in New Brunswick.** The Black Catholic Committee is a multi-ethnic committee of passionate Catholics working to implement the Pastoral Plan of Action recommended by the National Black Catholic Congress last year in July. Registration is \$10 to cover lunch. You can sign up now on the Diocese of Metuchen website on the Office of Multicultural Ministry home page or contact Sr. Miriam Perez or Deacon Rick Fortune at the Diocesan Office.
- Today’s 2nd Collection is the Annual Peter’s Pence Collection for the Holy Father’s humanitarian and social projects.... Welcome to our weekly adoration this Monday at any time between 6 pm to 8 pm.

The gospel is truly good news for all: the deaf hear, the blind see, those who feel down are raised up. Jesus took the deaf and dumb man away from the crowd and healed him. What a lesson for us to get away from the hustle and bustle of the crowds to be with Jesus! It is only when we have silence within us and around us that we can hear the whisperings of God. Let us quieten ourselves for a moment ...now ... And welcome the Lord at this Eucharist...

Music for Our Assembly
September 8, 2024
The Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

*You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love...Psalm 119*

Gathering Hymn – As We Gather at Your Table

1. As we gather at your table,
As we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence;
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's vict'ry known.

2. Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
Bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
To forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image
In the world you died to save.

3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon
Other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us,
Nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr., b.1944, © 1989, Hope Publishing Company

Prayer of the Faithful

The Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 8, 2024

Our response is: "In Your Name, Oh God, We Pray."

1. For Pope Francis and all Church leaders and ministers . . . keep them faithful to their calling as they continue the work of healing and caring for the children of God, we pray...
2. For world, national, and civic leaders, especially those in our own country . . . guide them to be champions of justice to all your people, without partiality or distinctions, we pray ...
3. For this intentional faith community of St. Matthias . . . open our ears and empower our voices to hear and to proclaim your Good News that cannot be contained, we pray. . .
4. For those who endure illness in body, mind, or spirit. . . extend your healing touch to all who need your compassionate care, we pray. . .
5. For all who have died, especially ***Claudia Gemgnani*** and the recent victims of gun violence in Georgia . . . bestow on them the true freedom of an everlasting inheritance in your heavenly kingdom, we pray. . .
6. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts this day, we pray...

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions:

5 PM: Nancy Collins

8 AM: Intention of Parishioners

10 AM: Maurice (Max) Regan - 3rd Anniversary

12 PM: Andrew Mutchler

Preparation of the Gifts - As the Deer Longs

As the deer longs for running streams,
So longs my soul for you O God.
My soul does thirst for the living God,
When will I come to see your face.

My tears have fed me day and night,
While some have said, "Where is your God?"
But I recall, as my soul pours dry,
The days of praise within your house.

Why do I mourn and toil within,
When it is mine to hope in God?
I shall again sing praise to him,
he is my help, he is my God.

Danna J. Gunther@1975, Curb Word Music Trad. English melody

Communion Hymn – You Are the Healing

1. Jesus, you are the healing,
you came to make us whole
again.

Jesus, you are the healing,
come show us how to live.

Jesus, you are the healing,
Jesus, you are the healing,
Jesus, you are the healing,
come show us how to live.

2. Jesus, you are the freedom,
you break the chains that bind
us.

Jesus, you are the freedom,
come show us how to live.

Jesus, you are the freedom,
Jesus, you are the freedom,
Jesus, you are the freedom,
come show us how to live.

3. Jesus, you are the power,
you triumph over sin and death.

Jesus, you are the power,
come show us how to live.

Jesus, you are the power,
Jesus, you are the power,
Jesus, you are the power,
come show us how to live.

4. Jesus, the resurrection,
you raise us to eternal life.

Jesus, the resurrection,
come show us how to live.

Jesus, the resurrection,
Jesus, the resurrection,
Jesus, the resurrection,
come show us how to live.

Closing Hymn - Rain Down

**Rain down, rain down,
rain down your love on your people.**

**Rain down, rain down,
rain down your love, God of life.**

1. Faithful and true is the word of our God.
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;
full of God's love is the earth.

2. We who revere and find hope in our God
live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and death;
God will not leave us to starve.

3. God of creation, we long for your truth;
you are the water of life that we thirst.
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,
all of our hope lies in you.

Text: Based on Psalm 33. Text and music © 1991, Jaime Cortez. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

*Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-621391
All rights reserved*

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Praise the Lord My Soul, Praise the Lord my soul.

The God of Jacob keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets captives free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.

The LORD loves the just;
the LORD protects strangers.

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.

The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations.

Alleluia.

Praise the Lord My Soul, Praise the Lord my soul.