

# This Week at St. Matthias

## Sunday, January 7

*Church Offices Closed*

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Rite II with Music & Choir – Sanctuary
- Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- Nursery Care – Little House
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversation – Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Rite II with Music – Sanctuary
- Nursery Care – Little House
- Adult Sunday School – Choir Room

## Monday, January 8

- 10:30 AM Literacy Class – Little House
- 1:30 PM Care Ministry Team Meeting – Office
- 6:15 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club Meeting – Parish Hall
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Parish Hall

## Tuesday, January 9

- 9:00 AM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House

## Wednesday, January 10

- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study – Parish Hall
- 2:00 PM Come Let Us Sing to the Lord Class – Library
- 4:00 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room/Sanctuary

## Thursday, January 11

*Hope Out of Office – Vacation Day*

- 12:00 PM Literacy Class – Little House
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Parish Hall

## Friday, January 12

*Church Offices Closed*

- 5:00 PM Altar Guild Team Two Set-Up – Sanctuary

## Saturday, January 13

*Church Offices Closed*

- 9:00 AM Scrapbooking with Linda – Parish Hall

## Sunday, January 14

*Church Offices Closed*

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word – Sanctuary
- 9:20 AM Sunday School Classes – Little House
- 9:30 AM Rite II with Music & Choir – Sanctuary
- Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- Nursery Care – Little House
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversation – Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Rite II with Music – Sanctuary
- Nursery Care – Little House
- Adult Sunday School – Choir Room

## Vestry Members

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|------|---|-------------------------|
| 2024 | Cindi Curtis, <i>Treasurer</i>          | ninicurtis55@msn.com    |
|      | Buddy Forehand                          | a4hand@aol.com          |
| 2025 | Gloria Robinson                         | gloria.730gr@gmail.com  |
| 2026 | Maxine Hylton, <i>Jr. Warden</i>        | maxhyl1@gmail.com       |
|      | Kim Hunt, <i>Stewardship Chair</i>      | kimhunt34711@gmail.com  |
|      | Lorna Manny, <i>Sr. Warden</i>          | manny4215@yahoo.com     |
|      | Elizabeth Nemeth, <i>Clerk</i>          | edreis55@gmail.com      |
|      | Glen Martin, <i>Assistant Treasurer</i> | glenmartin286@gmail.com |

## ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
12.24.23	Advent Lessons & Carols	85
12.24.23	<i>Online Views</i>	48
12.24.23	Christmas Eve (5:00 pm)	79
	<i>Online Views</i>	26
12.24.23	Christmas Eve (7:00 pm)	99
	<i>Online Views</i>	62
12.25.23	Christmas Day (10:00 am)	28
	<i>Online Views</i>	122
12.31.23	7:45 AM Sunday Service	15
12.31.23	9:30 AM Sunday Service	58
12.31.23	11:15 AM Sunday Service	19
	<i>Online Views</i>	34

# Those on Our Prayer List

## Parish Family

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

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|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Joan Allabaugh    | Karlene Gordon     | Nembrotti Family |
| Harold Andrews    | Alice Grimes       | Elizabeth Nemeth |
| Geny Arrunategui  | James Helm         | Megan Ogle       |
| Ray Arthurs       | Jeannine Helm      | Austin Parkinson |
| Linda Armstrong   | Noel Kirton        | Maria Rosado     |
| Kay Barnes        | Theresa Knight     | Gene Ruryk       |
| Drew Bergeron     | Darrel Kugler      | Suzanne Ruryk    |
| Anakin Boeni      | Larry Lock         | Sheila Seale     |
| Jane Boyack       | Longwater Family   | Gina Storr       |
| Sandra Bradshaw   | Frank Macripo      | Jim Storr        |
| Gavin Bramwell    | Diana Mahoney      | Joe Sturges      |
| Reta Bramwell     | Imantee Mallay     | Mary Sturges     |
| Mother Jane Clark | Sabrina Mallay     | Connie Tracey    |
| Clifford Family   | Stanley Mallay     | Liane Traniello  |
| Steve Coole       | Don Manny          | Obiajulu Udokwu  |
| Donna Dyson       | Glen Martin        | Rick Unger       |
| Anita Erickson    | Henrietta Martin   | Sandy Unger      |
| Ann Forehand      | Mathews Family     | Keith Whitacre   |
| Buddy Forehand    | Catherine Meginley | Vera Wilson      |
| John Foster       | Mike Meeker        |                  |
| Miranda Foster    | Lidio Nembrotti    |                  |

## Family & Friends

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|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Patricia Ainlay     | Jennifer Henderson   | Danny Nemeth          |
| June Berlund        | Sharon Hess          | Andrew Nickolaou      |
| Gary Braner         | Nicole Hess          | Ophelia Nickolaou     |
| Marcia Brown        | Meraid Hess          | Karter Nickolaou      |
| Rose Brown          | Nkenge Hewitt/Castro | Ethyn Nickolaou       |
| Suzie Brownlee      | Jordan Hofstetter    | Ty Nu                 |
| Reverend Bill Boyer | Mary Italia          | Ruth Rees             |
| Robert Bucci        | Mark Jenkins         | Timothy Reid          |
| Nathaniel Carter    | Debbie Jordon        | Jannette Scanlan      |
| Mary Ellen Cook     | Fran Jue             | Inge Sebach           |
| Shedrick Cotton     | Henrirtte Karnik     | Nary Singh            |
| Reverend Cass Daly  | Frances LaCroix      | Mary Sowers           |
| Betty Davis         | Normand LaCroix      | Terry Vander Meer     |
| James Dorn, Jr.     | Bob Link             | Vannoy Family         |
| Mary Dorn           | Peggy Link           | Denise Thibault Vespa |
| Mark Ellison        | Terry Macripo        | Doris Wilson          |
| Cheryl Ferrell      | Sean Marcus          | Tom Wilson            |
| Telecia Francis     | Eleanor Meade        | Richard Wolf          |
| Emily Griffin       | Sherrill Mizioch     |                       |

## Military & First Responders

- Jeff Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
- Nicole Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
- Nicholas Buonocore, U.S. Navy
- Delani Carter, U.S. Military Academy at West Point
- Spencer Coole, U.S. Air Force, Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina
- Greta Gaasch, U.S. Army Reserve
- Lucas Freiberg, Federal Corrections Officer, Coleman Federal Prison
- Jeremy Linney, U.S. Army, Osan Air Base, Korea
- Tyler Mathews, U.S. Army, Iraq
- Ryan Moore, Clermont Fire Department Station #3
- Christopher Morelli, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Deputy
- Stephen Nettles, U.S. Navy, Officer Training
- Tyler Reece, U.S. Army, Deploying to Afghanistan
- Logan T. Wells, U.S. Marine Reserves

## Those Celebrating Birthdays

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|------|----------------|------|-----------------|
| 1.8  | Gavin Bramwell | 1.11 | Hope Blume      |
| 1.8  | Emilly Powell  | 1.11 | Suzanne Ruryk   |
| 1.8  | Josef Boeni    | 1.11 | Arthur Forrest  |
| 1.10 | Ike Onughu     | 1.12 | Geraldine Engel |

## Those Who Have Died

Robert Bucci, *Bibbi Farashian's cousin*

The Altar Flowers & Greens are given to the  
Glory of God & St. Matthias Church

and in Loving Memory of  
Gary Gustafson's Birthday  
Given with Love by Rick & Hope Blume

The Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God

## Annual Parish Meeting & Potluck Lunch

Sunday, January 21, 2024

12:15 pm

Parish Hall

**NAME TAGS:** If you would like to place an order for a St. Matthias Name Tag, please email Hope Blume at hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com with your first and last name. We will be placing an order on Monday, January 22, 2024, so please have the information to Hope **no later than Sunday, January 21, 2024**. The cost is \$12.00 each. Thank you!

**HOPE BLUME OUT OF OFFICE:** Hope will be out of the office this Thursday, January 11, 2024. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Hannah Blume at 352.394.3855 or bookkeeper@stmatthiasfl.com. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Jim at rector@stmatthiasfl.com.

**VESTRY MEMBERS:** If you would like to run for the Vestry, please contact Fr. Jim, our Sr. Warden Lorna Manny, or any current Vestry member. They will be happy to meet with you and answer any questions or concerns you may have. Vestry member contact details are listed on the front side of these announcements.

**THANK YOU FROM FR. JIM:** Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus, I want to thank every one of you for the blessing of a very generous Christmas gift. Your gift to me at this time of year is but one outward sign of your very generous hearts. Year after year you give to those in need and for that, I am also thankful because, without your loving and prayerful support of the ministry of St. Matthias Church, we would not be the wonderful loving community that we are.

As we unwrap God's gift of 2024, I am looking forward to working alongside you to bring the light and love of Christ Jesus to those who need less darkness and more light in their lives.

May your New Year be filled with many small and large blessings of love and peace.

Thank you again for your generous gift and a great big thank you for all your prayers, without your prayers and support my ministry with you would not be possible.

Grace, Peace, and Happy New Year, Fr. Jim +

**2024 FLOWER & CANDLE CHARTS:** The Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle charts for 2024 are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The cost for flowers is \$40.00 and Sanctuary Candle is \$5.00. Please be sure to print clearly and include all the information needed for the bulletin, in memory of, celebration or thanksgiving for, name or names of who they are being given for, and who they are being given by. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

**2024 GIVING ENVELOPES & NUMBERS:** Are available for pick-up in the Parish Hall. If you are new to St. Matthias and would like a giving number and/or envelopes, please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com). If you have not done so already, please be sure to complete a membership form and if you would like to make a pledge for 2024, pledge cards and information are available at the Welcome Table. Questions regarding the 2024 stewardship campaign can be directed to Kim Hunt (404.216.1402 or kimhunt34711@gmail.com).

**ANGEL TREE THANK YOU:** Angel Tree is about so much more than ensuring kids have a gift under the tree. It's a chance to restore relationships and for kids to hear that they are loved and remembered by both their incarcerated parent and their Heavenly Father. It changes lives across generations.

Together, as a parish we have made a positive impact and contributed to the hope of so many this holiday season. We provided gifts and support for 62 children from 28 families! The Gospel of Matthew Jesus asks us to be generous givers for the support and the care of His people in need. Generous givers certainly describe the parishioners at Saint Matthias.

The Outreach Committee sincerely thanks you for your expression of God's love and compassion for our Angel Tree children, their caregivers and the incarcerated. Like you, we believe that Jesus has the power to redeem any story, no matter how broken, no matter how hopeless. I would ask you now to join us in praying God would continue to guide us in this ministry for His glory.

Wishing you God's blessings, dear friends in Christ - Mary Anne Lock & The Community Outreach Committee

**COFFEE HELP NEEDED:** We need one or two volunteers to assist with the making and serving of coffee during the Sunday Coffee & Conversation time. Our dear friend and faithful coffee server, Ray Arthurs, has decided to step down from coffee duty and is now looking for one or more volunteers to assist Peggy Hope on Sunday mornings. A gigantic thank you to Ray for his many, many years of faithful service! However, Ray is not leaving us, he will now enjoy being served coffee as he relaxes and conversates with everyone. Please contact Peggy Hope (352.988.7525) if you would like to assist with coffee duties on Sunday mornings.

**FLOWER GUILD HELP NEEDED:** We need **two additional volunteers** to join the Flower Guild and assist with deliveries of Altar flowers to our homebound and local hospitals, rehabilitation centers, assisted living, and hospice homes. Please contact Lorna Manny (352.250.6202) if you have any questions and/or would like to be a part of this dedicated and caring team.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS:** Please join us on **Sundays in the Parish Hall from 10:30 am to 11:00 am** for fellowship, coffee, and conversation. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others and sometimes enjoy a few home baked treats. All are welcome! Please contact Peggy Hope (352.988.7525) if you have any questions and/or would like to help.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Adult Sunday school will meet this **Sunday, January 7, 2024**, at 11:15 am in the Choir room. Let us come together for thought-provoking, meaningful discussion, where we will exchange views and relay life experiences relevant to the scripture of the day. Everyone is welcome to join us! Please contact Dolores Wilson-Malone (856.625.1515) or Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

**LITERACY CLASSES:** St. Matthias is offering classes for anyone in the community who may need help with literacy, including English conversation practice, English language, and grammar classes. The classes meet on Mondays at 10:30 am and Thursdays at 11:00 am in the Little House. Please contact Wanda Klaas (klaas46@yahoo.com) or Kathy Ridenour (kathyt08069@yahoo.com) for additional information. Classes will meet this **Monday, January 8, 2024, at 10:30 am, and Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 11:00 am.**

**CARE TEAM MEETING:** **Monday, January 8, 2023, at 1:30 pm** in the Office. Please contact Kathy Mahoney (321.200.7032) or Maxine Hylton (305.775.3415) if you have any questions. If you are interested in joining the team, please feel free to join us at this meeting!

**REFRESH GROUP MEETING:** The Refresh Group will meet this **Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 1:00 pm** in the Little House. If you have a spouse or family member suffering from Dementia or Alzheimer's disease and would like a safe place to share and find support and comfort, please reach out to Terri Kunze or Claudia Seitz-Ricklick. Please join these beautiful women as they provide support, comfort, and care for those caring for a loved one suffering from Dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Everything shared in the group is confidential and supported by Fr. Jim Dorn and the Care Ministry Team.

Claudia: 352.552.2469 or seitzric@earthlink.net / Terri: 352.552.5303 or terri@kunzefamily.com

**BIBLE STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN:** There are two opportunities to attend bible study with Janette Dorn, Mondays at 3:30 pm and Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. Classes will meet this **Monday, January 8, 2024, at 3:30 pm and Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. This session we will be studying Revelation Part Two, Unveiling the Book of Revelation. The focus is the end of time - discover exactly what God says will take place. Please add your name to the Monday or Tuesday class sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall if you plan to attend. Please contact Janette Dorn (jsmdorn@gmail.com or 352.235.5168) if you have any questions.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** The Women's Bible Study will meet this **Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

**COME LET US SING TO THE LORD AND STUDY HANDEL'S MESSIAH:** The group will meet this **Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 2:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. We will be following a Kerygma curriculum for a 10-week study of the Bible as it relates to Handel's oratorio. Please contact Hugh if you have any questions (863.557.8803 or dizzyfingers103@msn.com).

**SINGING SAINTS:** Will rehearse this **Wednesday, January 10, 2023, at 4:00 pm** in the Choir Room. Please contact Hugh Dial (863.557.8803 or dizzyfingers103@msn.com) if you have any questions.

**SCRAPBOOKING WITH LINDA: Saturday, January 13, 2023, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, have fun and create cards, scrapbooking pages, and craft projects. Please contact Linda Bullen (352.516.3845 or mamabulle@aol.com) if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School resumes next **Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 9:20 am** in the Little House. Please contact Karen Freiberg (352.432.3164 or freiberGs4@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**RETIRED MEN'S LUNCH BUNCH:** Let's get together on **Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 12 noon** at Gator's Dockside (1200 Oakley Seaver Dr, Clermont). Please be sure to **RSVP Hugh Dial (863.557.8803 or dizzyfingers103@msn.com)** if you plan to attend to be sure everyone can sit together.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & POTLUCK LUNCH:** Will take place on, **Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 12:15 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Please contact Lorna Manny (352.250.6202) if you have any questions.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING:** Will take place on **Monday, January 29, 2024, at 12:00 pm** in the Office. If you would like to join the committee or have been considering it, this is a great opportunity to see where help is needed. Please contact Fred Jones (fjones59@cfl.rr.com or 407.325.2256) if you have any questions.

**HEALING SERVICE:** The Healing Service is taking a break and will resume on **Wednesday, February 21, 2024.** Please contact Fr. Jim or Hope Blume if you have any questions.

**FAMILIES IN TRANSITION:** The FIT program is running low on **paper products, laundry, and cleaning supplies.** If you can donate any of these items, please place them in the red rolling bin located in the Parish Hall. Thank you very much for your continued support of our Lake County FIT Highschool Students. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855) or Janette Dorn (352.235.5168) if you have any questions.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024:** If you can please help us by saving items and purchasing items for the program, this is what we need, please save: egg cartons any size any color, clean 1- and 2-liter plastic bottles, i.e., soda bottles. Dollar Tree purchases: pool noodles (lots) all colors, packages (lots) of pipe cleaners all colors, rolls (lots) of crepe paper in shades of blues and greens, round, and rectangle plastic tablecloths in shades of blue, green, and gray. Your help will be most appreciated. You can leave the items in the boxes on the counter under the windows in the Parish Hall. Thank you so much for your help. Hugs and blessings, Karen (352.432.3164 or freiberGs4@gmail.com)

# THE DORN'S EPIPHANY OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024  
3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Waterside Point Clubhouse  
110 Honeymoon Island Way,  
Groveland, FL 34736

*Please bring a favorite finger food type appetizer to share.*

*Parking spaces are available at the Club House & on the side of the street closest to the pond.*

**GATE CODE #1516**

*Please R.S.V.P. Janette Dorn at 352.235.5168 if you plan to attend.*