

## This Week at St. Matthias

### Sunday, February 4

*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  
 4:00 PM Turner-Bush Wedding – Sanctuary

### Monday, February 5

- 10:30 AM Literacy Class – Little House  
 12:00 PM Building & Grounds Meeting – Office  
 6:15 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club Meeting – Parish Hall  
 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Parish Hall

### Tuesday, February 6

- 1:00 PM Refresh Group Meeting – Little House  
 6:00 PM Bible Study with Janette – Parish Hall

### Wednesday, February 7

- 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, February 8

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

### Friday, February 9

*Church Offices Closed*

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

### Saturday, February 10

*Church Offices Closed*

No Events Scheduled for Today

### Sunday, February 11

*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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|------|--|--|
| 2025 | Cindi Curtis, <i>Treasurer</i><br>Lorna Manny, <i>Sr. Warden</i><br>Gloria Robinson                      | ninicurtis55@msn.com<br>lornamanny23@gmail.com<br>gloria.730gr@gmail.com |
| 2026 | Maxine Hylton, <i>Jr. Warden</i><br>Kim Hunt, <i>Stewardship Chair</i><br>Elizabeth Nemeth, <i>Clerk</i> | maxhyl1@gmail.com<br>kimhunt34711@gmail.com<br>edreis55@gmail.com        |
| 2027 | Coleen Cox<br>Rod Denslow  | drccoxmcintosh@gmail.com<br>roddenslow@gmail.com                         |
|      | Glen Martin, <i>Assistant Treasurer</i>  | glenmartin286@gmail.com  |

### ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
1.28.24	7:45 AM Service	26
1.28.24	9:30 AM Service	77
1.28.24	11:15 AM Service	34
	<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>
	<i>Online Views</i>	33

## Those on Our Prayer List

### Parish Family

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

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

### Family & Friends

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|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Patricia Ainlay     | Nicole Hess          | Ophelia Nickolaou     |
| Gary Braner         | Meraid Hess          | Karter Nickolaou      |
| Marcia Brown        | Nkenge Hewitt/Castro | Ethyn Nickolaou       |
| Rose Brown          | Jordan Hofstetter    | Ty Nu                 |
| Suzie Brownlee      | Mary Italia          | Ruth Rees             |
| Reverend Bill Boyer | Mark Jenkins         | Timothy Reid          |
| Robert Bucci        | Debbie Jordan        | Linda Rosenberg       |
| Nathaniel Carter    | Fran Jue             | Jannette Scanlan      |
| Mary Ellen Cook     | Henrirtte Karnik     | Inge Sebach           |
| Shedrick Cotton     | Frances LaCroix      | Nary Singh            |
| Reverend Cass Daly  | Normand LaCroix      | Mary Sowers           |
| Betty Davis         | Anne Lee             | 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          | Joyce Wilson          |
| Telecia Francis     | Eleanor Meade        | Tom Wilson            |
| Emily Griffin       | Sherrill Mizioch     | Richard Wolf          |
| Jennifer Henderson  | Danny Nemeth         |                       |
| Sharon Hess         | Andrew Nickolaou     |                       |

### 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

- 2.7 Frank Macripo  
 2.8 Imantee Mallay  
 2.9 Richard Ridenour

### Those Who Have Died

- Anthony Alfieri, *John Jahreis' brother-in-law*  
 Reinaldo Flores, *Maria Flores grandfather*  
 Warren Gerety, *dear friend of Drew Bergeron*

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

The Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God

**VERONICA EVAN'S BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS:** In 2021 in honor of our very dear friend and fellow parishioner Ronnie Evans, we changed the name of the Boys & Girls Club Summer Scholarship Fund to the Veronica Evans Boys & Girls Club Scholarship Fund. Ronnie brought awareness of the program to the St. Matthias Community Outreach Committee and played a major role in the development and the church's partnership with the local Boys & Girls Club program. Ronnie was a huge advocate for children and children's programs and the Boys & Girls Club was a program that was very near and dear to her. We are so pleased to honor our dear friend by continuing to provide safe and fun summer experiences for these well-deserving children. Please help us continue to raise funds in Ronnie's memory for this very vital community program.

The Lenten Season is known as a season of sacrifice; of giving up something that is dear. Once again, the annual Lenten sacrifice for our Saint Matthias family will be to provide scholarships for community children to attend the Summer Program at the Boys and Girls Club. The mission of the Club remains the same: to provide a safe place to learn and grow through caring, positive relationships with adults.

What a wonderful way to participate in the Season, a period of self-denial and action.

There are four ways you may participate:

- (1) Blue colored envelopes located in a basket at the back of the Church for regular or one-time offerings.
- (2) A container labeled "Boys and Girls Club" is available at the back of the Church and in the Parish Hall for regular or one-time offerings.
- (3) You may donate on-line via the St. Matthias website at <https://onrealm.org/StMatthiasEpisc37600/-/form/give/now> and choosing "Veronica Evans Boys and Girls Club Scholarships" as the fund.
- (4) By mailing or dropping a check to the Church office (528 West Montrose Street, Clermont, Florida 34711) and, again, indicating "Veronica Evans Boys and Girls Club Scholarships" on the memo line on your check.

Last year the cost to send a child to camp for the full summer session was \$370 for eight weeks and two days. We will share the cost for the 2024 summer session as soon as we are given the information. A donation in any amount is greatly appreciated and will help go towards the summer camp scholarships.

Please contact Ann Forehand (352.242.6073) or Diane Gustafson (352.394.6514) if you have questions.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** If you would like to donate to the Easter Flowers, please use the Easter Flower donation envelopes located in the pews and at the back of the church. If donating via check, please be sure to indicate Easter Flowers in the memo line. You may also donate via online by choosing Easter Flowers as the giving fund. **If you would like a loved one remembered in the bulletin, all names need to be submitted no later than Sunday, March 10, 2024. Please be sure to clearly print the names.** Please contact Hope Blume or Hannah Blume at the Church office (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

**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.

**FLOWER GUILD HELP NEEDED:** We need **one additional volunteer** 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. Thank you to Joy 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.

**HELP KEEP ST. MATTHIAS CLEAN:** We absolutely LOVE that we have many St. Matthias committees and groups as well as outside groups meeting throughout the church campus, our campus is alive with people! However, with all these gatherings, comes maintenance and clean up. We are asking that everyone please clean up after your meetings and gatherings, especially the kitchen area. Our cleaning company will not pick up items left on the counters to clean under them. All supplies, such as coffee, tea, snacks, cups, plates, etc. should be stored in the kitchen cabinets when not in use and the garbage should be taken out to the pails behind the Parish Hall. This will allow for better upkeep and cleaning. Please also be sure all tables are wiped down and tables and chairs are placed back where they were, and all blinds are kept open. Thank you very much for your support in keeping St. Matthias a clean and healthy environment for all to enjoy! Please contact Hope Blume at the Church Office (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

**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, February 4, 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.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING:** Will take place this **Monday, February 5, 2024, at 12:00 pm** in the Office. If you would like to join the committee or have been considering it, this is a fantastic opportunity to see where help is needed. Please contact Fred Jones (fjones59@cfl.rr.com or 407.325.2256) if you plan to attend and/or 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 (kathyto8069@yahoo.com) for additional information. Classes will meet this **Monday, February 5, 2024, at 10:30 am, and Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 11:00 am.**

**REFRESH GROUP MEETING:** The Refresh Group will meet this **Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 1:00 pm** in the Little House. If you have a spouse or family member with 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:** Classes will meet this **Tuesday, February 6, 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 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, February 7, 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, February 7, 2024, at 2:00 pm** in the Library. We are 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). All are welcome to attend.

**SINGING SAINTS:** Will rehearse this **Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 4:00 pm** in the Choir Room. Please contact Hugh Dial (863.557.8803 or dizzyfingers103@msn.com) if you have any questions.

**SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER:** Mardi Gras is coming to St. Matthias! Please plan to join us on **Shrove Tuesday, February 13, 2024, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**, in the Parish Hall for some homemade New Orleans and Caribbean food served to you by the men of our monthly men's luncheon group. We are looking forward to bringing the supper back this year with an exciting twist! There is not a set price for the dinner; however, are asking for a monetary donation of your choice. We do ask that you register for the event via the link below. Please contact Fred Jones (407.325.2256) or Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

<https://onrealm.org/StMatthiasEpisc37600/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MjdhYjkoNDEtNDM3OCooYzcoLTkwODgtYjEwNjAxNWl3NzA4>.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:** Please join us as we hold two services on **Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, one at 12 Noon and one at 7:00 pm**. Please contact the Church office (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays during Lent. Please join us on **Friday, February 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm**. Please contact Glen Martin (352.391.0430) or Megan Ogle (352.989.4676) if you would like to serve, read, and/or have any questions.

**HEALING SERVICE:** The Healing Service will resume on **Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 6:00 pm**. Please contact Fr. Jim or Hope Blume if you have any questions.

**PET BLESSING PLANNING MEETING:** Please join us on **Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 1:00 pm** in the Office to help plan our next Pet Blessing event. More details to follow. Please contact Keith Whitacre (952.239.5870 or keith.whitacre@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**SAVE-THE-DATE VBS FUNDRAISER:** We are sponsoring a fundraiser with Texas Roadhouse in Clermont to raise money for the upcoming 2024 Summer Vacation Bible School. Holy week is typically a busy week for all of us, so why not take a break from cooking and enjoy a meal at Texas Roadhouse! On **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, from 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM** we ask you to join us at Texas Roadhouse for a yummy meal and support of the VBS program. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your purchase! More details to follow in the coming weeks. Please contact Karen Freiberg (freibergs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- Updated Meeting & Workday Dates:** Mark your calendars! **Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall we will hold a VBS meeting for anyone who would like to help with VBS or anyone looking for more information prior to deciding to help. **Snacks will be served.** This is where you will be introduced to the program and all it has to offer. All are welcome! *(If you are unable to make it, the volunteer sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.)*

Our first VBS workshop will be on **Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. No experience necessary, all supplies and directions will be provided.**

The poster board on the wall next to the kitchen passthrough are samples of items we are looking for to create our coral reefs and more. If you can help, all these items can be purchased at the Dollar Tree:

- Pool Noodles
- Pipe Cleaners
- Plastic Table Coverings
- Green Onion Grass Sprays
- Straws
- Mesh Ribbon
- Bath Luffas
- Cotton Nautical Rope
- Hairstyling Sponge
- Pompom Gift Bows
- Inflatable Fish

Please begin/continue saving the following items for us:

- 1- & 2-Liter Soda Bottles
- Bottle Caps  
*(water bottles, soda bottles)*
- Egg Cartons
- Paper Towel Tubes  
*(please no toilet paper tubes)*
- Newspapers
- Styrofoam Packing Peanuts
- Bubble Wrap
- Empty Cardboard Boxes

We also need:

- Wooden pallets if anyone has access to them. We will need about twelve and will return them after VBS, if necessary.
- Coconuts in the husk. Yes, coconuts! Do you have family or friends in the more southern areas of Florida? When you visit, please bring back as many fallen coconuts as you can get your hands on. Please no one buy any, just the free ones.

Thank you very much for your help and generosity! Hugs and Blessings, Karen

