

This Week at St. Matthias

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

Monday, February 12

- 10:30 AM Literacy Class – Little House
- 1:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Supper Set-Up – Parish Hall
- 1:30 PM Care Ministry Team Meeting – Office
- 6:15 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club Meeting – Little House
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House

Tuesday, February 13: Shrove Tuesday

- 5:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Supper – Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday

- 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room/Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary

Thursday, February 15

- 9:00 AM Building & Grounds Workday – Office/Garage
- 11:00 AM Literacy Class – Little House
- 6:00 PM Bible Study with Janette – Parish Hall
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House

Friday, February 16

Church Offices Closed

- 5:00 PM Altar Guild Team Three Set-Up – Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary

Saturday, February 17

Church Offices Closed

- 9:00 AM Scrapbooking with Linda – Parish Hall

Sunday, February 18: First Sunday in Lent

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

Vestry Members

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| 2025 | Cindi Curtis, <i>Treasurer</i>
Lorna Manny, <i>Sr. Warden</i>
Gloria Robinson | ninicurtis55@msn.com
lornamanny23@gmail.com
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| | Glen Martin, <i>Assistant Treasurer</i> | glenmartin286@gmail.com |

ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
2.4.24	7:45 AM Service	26
2.4.24	9:30 AM Service	77
2.4.24	11:15 AM Service	29
	Total	132
	<i>Online Views</i>	25

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

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

- 2.12** Coleen Cox **2.12** Joyce King

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 2.14** Frank & Wendy Verbeke
2.14 Dale & Emilly Powell
2.14 Dave & Karen Freiberg

Those Who Have Died

- Anthony Alfieri, *John Jahreis' brother-in-law*
 Reinaldo Flores, *Maria Flores grandfather*

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

and in Loving Memory of Carol Nembrotti
 Given with Love by Lidio Nembrotti

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 St. 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: Thank you to Joy Albrecht for volunteering to join the Flower Guild Team, welcome Joy!!! We still need **one more 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. 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, February 11, 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.

SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER SET-UP: Will take place this **Monday, February 12, 2024, at 1:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. If you would like to help, please come out and join us and/or contact Fred Jones (fjones59@cfl.rr.com or 407.325.2256) 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 (kathyto8069@yahoo.com) for additional information. Classes will meet this **Monday, February 12, 2024, at 10:30 am, and Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 11:00 am.**

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, we 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>.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The Women's Bible Study will **not meet** this Wednesday, February 14, 2024; however, **will resume next Wednesday, February 21, 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.

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.

SINGING SAINTS: Will rehearse this **Wednesday, February 14, 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.

BUILDING & GROUNDS WORKDAY: Please join us at the church office on **Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 9:00 am** to help empty the tool shed, organize, and move everything to the office garage. We are moving the tools due to the pending sale of 561 West Minneola Ave. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall if you would like to help. If you have any questions, please contact Fred Jones (407.325.2256).

BIBLE STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN – PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE: Classes will meet this **Thursday, February 15, 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.

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.

SCRAPBOOKING WITH LINDA: **Saturday, February 17, 2024, 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!

REFRESH GROUP MEETING: The Refresh Group will meet on **Tuesday, February 20, 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

HEALING SERVICE: The Healing Service will resume next **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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING: 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.*) Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP: 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.* Come out and join the fun! Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

PEW REFURBISHING DAY: We will be holding a Pew Refurbishing Day on **Monday, February 26, beginning at 9:00 am** in the Parish Hall. This is something anyone can help with as there is only light sanding and staining involved. This will be an ongoing process with many scheduled pew refurbishing days. If you would like to volunteer in helping with the refurbishing of the church pews, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall and/or contact Bob Radovich (203.343.8443) or Fred Jones (407.325.2256) if you have any questions.

GROUNDS CLEAN-UP WORKDAY: Please join us on **Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 9:00 am** to help clean-up, and beautify the church grounds for the upcoming Easter season. We will be weeding, planting, cleaning up flower beds, laying new mulch, working in the Memorial Garden, trimming plants and trees, and much more! Please bring any gardening tools, wheelbarrows, pruning shears, hedge trimmers, etc. that you may have. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall if you plan to attend, and if you have any questions, please contact Michael Giallella (352.978.2755) or Fred Jones (407.325.2256).

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.

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.

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.)*

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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:

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

Please begin/continue saving the following items for us:

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

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

