

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, February 15

Sunday School Classes

Church Offices Closed

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

Monday, February 16

Church Offices Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day

- 5:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Dinner Set-Up – Parish Hall
- 6:00 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club – Library
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Tuesday, February 17

- 9:00 AM Count Team Three – Church Office
- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting – Church Office
- 5:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Dinner – Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 18

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary
- 2:00 PM Food Providers of S.L. Meeting – Church Office
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Sunday School Building
- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary

Thursday, February 19

- 4:30 PM Vestry Meeting – Church Office
- 4:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room & Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Friday, February 20

Church Offices Closed

- 10:30 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 5:00 PM Altar Guild Team Three Set Up – Sanctuary

Saturday, February 21

Church Offices Closed

- 9:00 AM Stacy's Stamping Camp – Parish Hall

Sunday, February 22

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Church Offices Closed

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word Service – Sanctuary
- 9:20 AM Sunday School Classes – Sunday School Building
- 9:30 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 9:30 AM Nursery Care – Sunday School Building
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall
- 10:30 AM Monty's Birthday Celebration – Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Nursery Care – Sunday School Building
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Music Room

SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
2.8.2026	7:45 AM Service	20
2.8.2026	9:30 AM Service	61
2.8.2026	Sunday School	11
2.8.2026	11:15 AM Service	35
	Total	127
	Online Views	235

Those on Our Prayer List

Immediate & Urgent Prayers

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|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Josef Boeni | Fanya Jones | Mary Sturges |
| Cooper Coole | Diana Mahoney | Joe Sturges |
| Linda Denslow | Kathy Mahoney | Sandy Unger |
| Anita Erickson | Nadia Mashi | |
| Cheryl Ferrell | Jim Storr | |

Parish Family Continued Prayers

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| Tristen Babcock | Larry Lock | Olive McPherson |
| Esther Catino | Anne Luposello | Tracy Morelli |
| Mother Jane Clark | Imantee Mallay | Sheila Seale |
| Michael Clark | Stanley Mallay | Kayla Taylor |
| Hugh Dial | CZ Mathews | Linda Thorp |
| Robert Eyer | Elijah Mathews | Connie Tracey |
| Michael Giallella | Isabella Mathews | Liane Trainello |
| Jeannine Helm | Jackson Mathews | Stuart Wilson |
| Anne Hollywood | Don Manny | Vera Wilson |
| Deidre Huffman | Edna Marcus | Dolores Wilson-Malone |

Family & Friends Continued Prayers

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| Nathan Allabaugh | James Dorn, Jr. | Felicidad Robinson |
| Anakin Boeni | Mary Dorn | Autumn Rose |
| Isabel Boeni | Eyer Family | Gene Ruryk |
| Danielle Chavez | Frances LaCroix | Suzanne Ruryk |
| Deena Chavez | Danny Nemeth | |

Military & First Responders

- Jeff Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
- Nicole Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
- Vick Boothe, U.S. Army, Undisclosed Location
- Delani Carter, U.S. Military Academy at West Point
- Spencer Coole, U.S. Air Force, Charleston Air Force Base, SC
- Greta Gaasch, U.S. Army Reserve
- Lucas Freiberg, Federal Corrections Officer, Coleman Federal Prison
- Jeremy Linney, U.S. Army, SOCOM, MacDill Air Force Base, FL
- Tyler Mathews, U.S. Army, Iraq
- Ryan Moore, Clermont Fire Department Station #3
- Stephen Nettles, U.S. Navy, NAS Pensacola, Flight School
- Luca Newby, U.S. Marine Reserves
- Tyler Reece, U.S. Army, Afghanistan
- Logan T. Wells, U.S. Marine Reserves

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

and in Celebration of
Dave & Karen Friebergs'
Wedding Anniversary

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God & St. Matthias Church

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FLOWER GUILD DIRECTRESS NEEDED: Our church family is seeking a volunteer to serve as Directress of the Flower Guild. This important ministry helps beautify our church and enhance our worship through the arrangement and care of altar flowers throughout the year. The Directress works with our florist, Kim from Kim E's Florist, coordinates volunteers when needed, oversees the flower schedule, and helps ensure that our sacred space reflects the beauty of each season in the Church calendar. Experience with floral arranging is helpful but not required—organization and a love for serving the church are most important. If you feel called to support this ministry or would like more information, please contact Janette Dorn (352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com). Janette will be stepping down as Flower Guild Directress in September when Fr. Jim retires and would love the opportunity to provide information, insight, and train the next Flower Guild Directress. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you might serve!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: This **Sunday, February 15, 2026**, is a Sunday School Sunday. Be sure to drop off (9:20 am), check in, and start movin' and groovin' your way to the classrooms!

NURSERY CARE: Nursery Care is available in the Sunday School Building during the 9:30 am and 11:15 am services for all infants and children aged one month to three years old. Abby Giallella, Nicholas Crumbo, and Elijah Mathews are our amazing caregivers who create a fun, safe, and loving environment for our youngest church family members and visitors. Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS: Please join us **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: Beginning on **Sunday, February 15, 2026**, please join us at **11:15 am** in the Music Room for a Lenten Study about forgiving. "To err is human, to forgive divine," has long been aspirational. Timothy Keller passionately defends the central role forgiveness has to play in our lives and shows readers how and why forgiveness is the only way forward in an imperfect world. Forgiving anyone in a meaningful way is one of the hardest things a person can do. In *Forgive*, Timothy Keller shows readers why it is so important and how to do it, explaining in detail the steps you need to take in order to move on without sacrificing either justice or your humanity. Please contact Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Offices will be closed this **Monday, February 16, 2026**, in observance of President's Day. All emails and voicemail messages will be returned on or after Tuesday, February 17, 2026. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Jim Dorn. If he is unable to answer your call, please leave a brief message with your name and number, and he will call you back as soon as possible. Thank you!

GENESIS STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN: The study group **will not meet this Tuesday** evening due to Shrove Tuesday Dinner; however, please join Janette Dorn next Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please contact Janette Dorn (352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER SET-UP: If you would like to assist with the Shrove Tuesday Dinner set-up, please join Fred Jones in the Parish Hall on **Monday, February 16, 2026, at 5:00 pm**.

SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER: Join us for a joyful Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras) Dinner this **Tuesday, February 17, 2026, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm** as we celebrate with good food, fun, and fellowship before the season of Lent begins! Enjoy a delicious meal, festive Mardi Gras spirit, and a great evening together for all ages. Come hungry, bring a friend, and let's celebrate in style! **If you would like to assist with the festivities, please contact Fred Jones (407.325.2256 or fjones59@cfl.rr.com)**. Please RSVP via the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall and if you are bringing food for the event, please indicate what food(s) you are bringing. Donations at the door and all proceeds go to paying down the air conditioner loan.

BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS: Bible Study class **will not meet this Wednesday** due to Ash Wednesday services; however, please join us next Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. The current topic of study is a study of the Minor Prophets. 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 this **Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 12 noon and at 7:00 pm.** Please contact the Church office (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE CHOIR! Have you ever thought about singing in the choir? Now's a great time to give it a try! No previous choir experience is needed—just a willingness to sing and be part of a joyful group. Choir practice begins this **Thursday, February 19, 2026,** and we will meet every Thursday from **4:30 pm – 6:00 PM** through May. Whether you can join us every week or just once in a while, for the full rehearsal, or just the last part, you are truly welcome. Come see what it's like, meet new friends, and lift your voice with us. If you're interested or have questions, feel free to contact Gina Mobley (407.782.3065) or simply show up. We'd love to have you!

VESTRY MEETING: Vestry will meet this **Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 4:30 pm** in the Office. Please contact Coleen Cox (718.757.4388) or Fr. Jim (352.460.9580) if you have any questions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will take place on **Fridays during Lent.** Please join us for week one on **Friday, February 20, at 6:00 pm.** Please contact Glen or Hope Martin (Glen: 352.391.0430 or glenmartin286@gmail.com / Hope: 352.391.0428 or hopem687@gmail.com) if you would like to serve, read, and/or have any questions.

STACY'S STAMPING CAMP: Please contact Stacy Huntzinger at stampinstacy2010@hotmail.com if you would like to attend Stacy's Stamping Camp on **Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 9:00 am** in the Parish Hall. Come out and join in on the fun – All are welcome!

LADIES' LUNCHEON: All women of the parish and their friends are welcome to join Norma Sweeney for a Dutch-Treat ladies' luncheon on **Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 12:00 noon,** at New Century Buffet (1036 East Hwy 50, Clermont 34711 – in the At Home Plaza). Please RSVP to Norma Sweeney (516.906.3646 or nsween820@gmail.com) to reserve a seat at the table. We look forward to seeing you there!

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED: Welcome to 2026! Are you looking for a new way to serve at St. Matthias? Becoming a member of our Altar Guild is a wonderful way to become involved. The Altar Guild is a lay ministry within our church that is responsible for preparing the sanctuary for worship, maintaining sacred vessels, linens, and vestments. Members ensure the altar is ready for services like Holy Eucharist, weddings, baptisms, and funerals. The Guild works behind the scenes to clean and maintain the sacred space. The Altar Guild is a crucial ministry of service, reverence, and humility ensuring the beauty and order of the church's most sacred area. If you are interested in this vital ministry, contact Wanda Klaas (klaas46@yahoo.com). No experience is necessary. We work in teams and will provide training at your convenience.

FLOWER GUILD VOLUNTEER NEEDED: If you are interested in joining the Flower Guild, please contact Lorna Manny (352.250.6202 or lornamanny23@gmail.com) and she will be happy to answer any questions you may have and get you on the volunteer schedule.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Please start saving some of your trash again. We shall recycle said trash into all things outer space related. Some items to start saving for us are:

**toilet paper tubes · paper towel tubes · CPAP hoses (old) · clean tin cans · old CDs/DVDs
newspapers · landline rotary phones · 1- & 2-liter bottles · water bottles
lids to containers of all sizes · no longer used handheld calculators**

This will get us started and we'll add more items as we go along. Thank you so much for your support and your trash! Hugs and blessings, Karen (freibegs4@aol.com)

HIGHSCHOOL FIT PROGRAM NEEDS: The Families in Transition (FIT) program is currently in need of the items listed below. If you can help with any of the items listed below, please place them in the red rolling bin in the Parish Hall. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your continued support!

**warm blankets · hoodies · sweatshirts · jackets · leggings (gently used welcomed - any sizes)
feminine products · hygiene items (any type) · shelf stable milk and food items · wet wipes**

SMAC: St. Matthias Ads and Classifieds (SMAC) is here for you! We want to help you buy and sell personal property and advertise your business. Let me know what you want to sell or buy and we'll add it to the classifieds. In addition, if you have your own business, send us your business card (via email in .jpeg or .tiff format) so we can help get your name and the service you offer shared with our church family. Contact Karen Freiberg (freibegs4@aol.com) to advertise something and/or if you have any questions.



Stations of the Cross

WALKING THE WAY OF CHRIST



EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

February 20th • February 27th • March 6th
March 13th • March 20th • March 27th

6:00 PM in The Sanctuary

Please contact Glen or Hope Martin
if you would like to serve, read,
and/or have any questions.

GLEN MARTIN

352.391.0430
glenmartin286@gmail.com

HOPE MARTIN

352.391.0428
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SHROVE TUESDAY

MARDI GRAS DINNER

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2026
5:00 PM • PARISH HALL

Join us for some homemade, delicious New Orleans and Caribbean foods served to you by the talented "chefs" of our Monthly Men's Luncheon group.

RSVPing is required to ensure there is food for everyone. Please RSVP by Sunday, February 8, 2025, via:

Sign-Up Sheet in Parish Hall
Contacting Fred Jones

There is no set cost to attend, but we are asking for donations. All proceeds will go towards our A/C Replacement Loan.

For any questions, please contact:

Fred Jones
407.325.2256

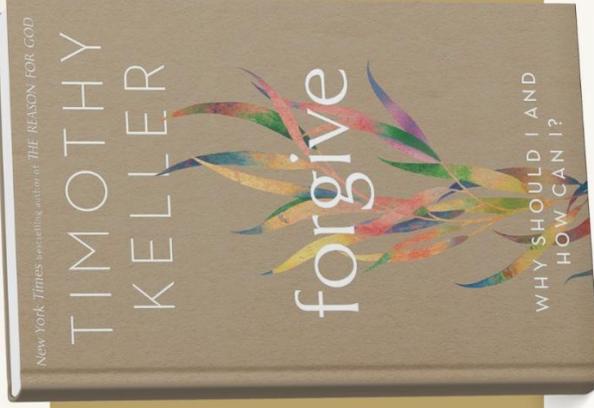
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A LENTEN BOOK STUDY

"To err is human, to forgive divine," has long been aspirational. But our complicated modern world has questioned the benefits of forgiveness.

In his book, Timothy Keller passionately defends the central role forgiveness has to play in our lives and shows readers *how* and *why* forgiveness is the only way forward in an imperfect world.



JOIN US!

Sundays at 11:15 am
The Music Room
Begins February 15th

THE READING

Copies of *Forgive* will be provided for all attendees

QUESTIONS?

Contact Matt Mobley
at 407.267.2312

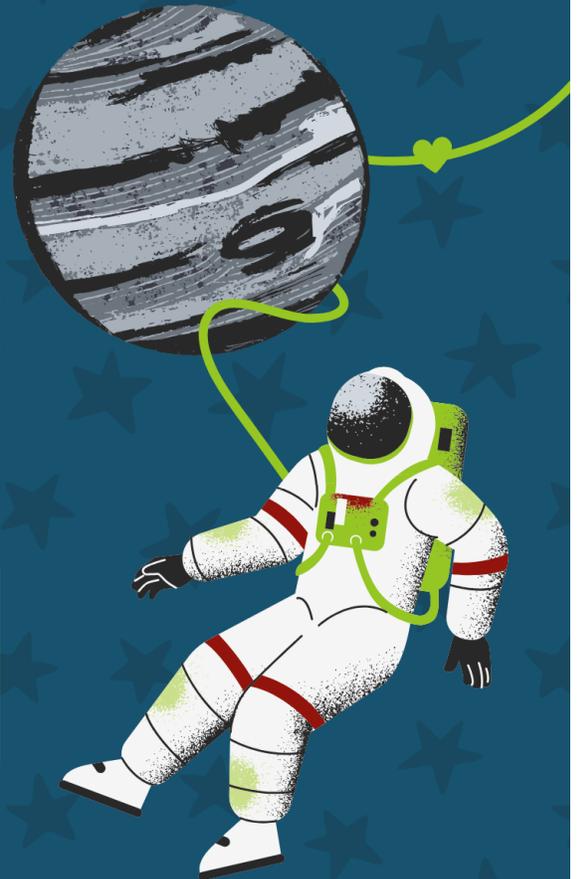
Join us as we explore the steps we need to take in order to forgive without sacrificing either justice or our humanity.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

GOD LOVES YOU TO THE MOON AND BACK

BLASTING OFF INTO OUTER SPACE

RISING KINDERGARTEN
THRU FIFTH GRADE
JULY 13, 2026 – JULY 17, 2026
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM



ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SPACE TRASH...ITEMS TO DONATE

PURCHASABLE ITEMS CAN BE
FOUND AT THE DOLLAR TREE
OR ON AMAZON

FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW TO
PURCHASE ITEMS DIRECTLY FROM
OUR AMAZON WISH LIST!



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TO SAVE

Paper towel & toilet paper rolls • Old CPAP hoses
Water bottles • Soda & water bottle caps • Newspaper
Clean tin cans of various sizes (no sharp edges!)
Packing insulation from meal kit services (white/silver)
Old CDs & DVDs • Clean 1- & 2-liter soda bottles
Old handheld calculators • Old TV remotes

TO PURCHASE

White ping pong balls • Aluminum foil • Star stickers
Tea light candles • Spray paint (silver & gray primer)
Foam paint brushes • Tablecloths (black & starry sky)

PLEASE DROP OFF ALL ITEMS IN THE PARISH HALL

THANK YOU!

Let's Talk SMAC

St. Matthias Ads and Classifieds

Supporting & Connecting Our St. Matthias Family!

If you have something to sell, or looking to buy, or a service to offer or one you're looking for, contact Karen Freiberg (freibergs4@aol.com) with all the pertinent information, and it will be included in our SMAC section.

FOR SALE

Coffee Table—solid wood, 3'x3', excellent condition, \$100.00.

Dining room table with 8 chairs and a leaf—bar height, solid wood, drawer in pedestal, finish on two chair seats need refinish otherwise excellent condition, purchased at Havertys, \$500.00.

3 stools—seats spin, bar height, metal and wood construction with thick seat padding, excellent condition, \$60.00.

Call Karen & Dave Freiberg (freibergs4@aol.com or 352.432.3164)



HOUSE FOR SALE

If you are in the market for a new home, ours is for sale. Contact our agent Joe Cooper (see below) if you are interested. If someone you know is house hunting, please share the information below. If you have any questions for us, please reach out...hugs and blessings, Karen & Dave Freiberg (freibergs4@aol.com or 352.432.3164)

Joe Cooper – 352.874.5764

joe@teamcooperhomes.com / teamcooperhomes.com



IN NEED OF

We need a **new or gently used oven to replace the current one in the parish hall kitchen**. If you are getting ready to replace your oven, and/or willing to donate an oven, please contact the church office at 352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com. Thank you!

FOR SALE

Twin Daybed with Trundle, Metal Twin Size Daybed with Pullout Trundle on Casters. Comes with cover, pillow shams, and sheets. Must pick up. \$75.00. Contact Maxine Hylton at maxhyl1@gmail.com if you are interested and/or have any questions.

FOR SALE

Wednesday Bible Study is selling hot/cold drink cups with all proceeds going to the a/c replacement loan. If you would like to purchase, please contact Anne Hollywood (228.229.6817) or Hugh Dial (863.557.8803).

Cost is \$30.00 each and as you can see, they are beautifully handmade!



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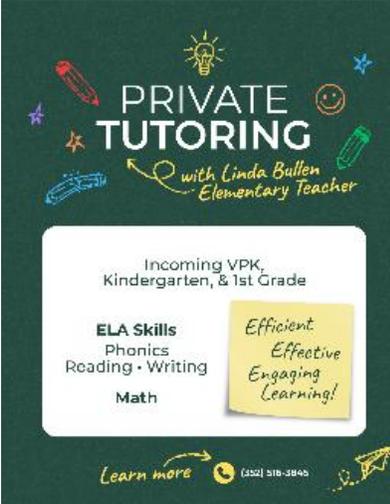
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