

This Week at St. Matthias

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

Monday, February 19: President's Day – Church Offices Closed

Church Offices Closed in Observance of President's Day

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

Tuesday, February 20

- 1:00 PM Refresh Group Meeting – Little House
 4:00 PM Vestry Meeting – Office
 6:00 PM Bible Study with Janette – Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 21

- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study – Parish Hall
 2:00 PM Food Providers of South Lake Meeting – Parish Hall
 4:00 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room/Sanctuary
 6:00 PM Healing Service – Sanctuary

Thursday, February 22

- 11:00 AM Literacy Class – Little House
 1:00 PM Pet Blessing Planning Meeting – Office
 6:00 PM VBS Informational Meeting – Parish Hall
 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House

Friday, February 23

Church Offices Closed

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

Saturday, February 24: St. Matthias Day

Church Offices Closed

- 11:00 AM VBS Workshop – Parish Hall

Sunday, February 25: Second Sunday in Lent

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> | ninicurtis55@msn.com |
| | Lorna Manny, <i>Sr. Warden</i> | lornamanny23@gmail.com |
| | Gloria Robinson | gloria.730gr@gmail.com |
| 2026 | Maxine Hylton, <i>Jr. Warden</i> | maxhyl1@gmail.com |
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| | Elizabeth Nemeth, <i>Clerk</i> | edreis55@gmail.com |
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| | Rod Denslow | roddenslow@gmail.com |
| | Glen Martin, <i>Assistant Treasurer</i> | glenmartin286@gmail.com |

ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
2.11.24	7:45 AM Service	30
2.11.24	9:30 AM Service	88
2.11.24	11:15 AM Service	32
	Total	150
	<i>Online Views</i>	17
2.14.24	12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	63
2.14.24	7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	45

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

- 2.22 Marlene Parkinson

The Altar Flowers & Greens are given to the
 Glory of God & St. Matthias Church
 and in Celebration of Jason & Kailan Turner's Marriage

and in Loving Memory of John & Volia Adams
 Given with Love by Nancy Gonzalez & Sue Donoughe Britt

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

and in Loving Memory of John & Volia Adams
 Given with Love by Nancy Gonzalez & Sue Donoughe Britt

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Office will be closed this **Monday, February 19, 2024**, in observance of President's Day. All emails and voicemail messages will be answered on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Jim at rector@stmatthiasfl.com.

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.

The cost to send a child (6 to 12 years old) to camp for the full 2024 summer session is \$390 plus a \$30.00 registration fee for the first child and \$300.00 plus a \$30.00 registration fee for a second child in the same family. Children that are 13 years and older attend for free. They are expecting 50 children in the age range of 6 to 12 years old to attend the South Lake location this summer. 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 THANK YOU: Thank you to Joy Albrecht and Sylvia Sinns for volunteering to join the Flower Guild Team!!! The Flower Guild assists 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 18, 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, February 19, 2024, at 10:30 am, and Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 11:00 am.**

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

VESTRY MEETING: Will meet this **Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 4:00 pm** in the Office. Please contact Lorna Manny (352.250.6202) or Fr. Jim (352.460.9580) if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN: Class will meet this **Tuesday, February 20, 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 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.

FOOD PROVIDERS OF SOUTH LAKE MEETING: Will meet this **Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 2:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Keith Whitacre (952.239.5870) if you have any questions.

SINGING SAINTS: Will rehearse this **Wednesday, February 21, 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.

HEALING SERVICE: Please join us this **Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Sanctuary for our Healing service. Please contact Fr. Jim or Hope Blume if you have any questions.

PET BLESSING PLANNING MEETING: Please join us this **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 PLANNING MEETING: Please join us this **Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall for our VBS planning meeting. This VBS meeting is 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays during Lent. Please join us on **Friday, February 23, 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP: Our first VBS workshop will be this **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: 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

