

## This Week at St. Matthias

**Sunday, February 25:** Second Sunday in Lent & Red Bag Sunday

*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 26

- 9:00 AM Pew Refurbishing Day – Parish Hall
- 10:30 AM Literacy Class – Little House
- 6:00 PM Community Outreach Meeting – Office
- 6:15 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club Meeting – Library
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Parish Hall

### Tuesday, February 27

- 6:00 PM Bible Study with Janette – Parish Hall

### Wednesday, February 28

- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study – Parish Hall
- 4:00 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room/Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Healing Service – Sanctuary

### Thursday, February 29

- 11:00 AM Literacy Class – Little House
- 1:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Supper Post Meeting – Office
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House

### Friday, March 1

*Church Offices Closed*

- 1:00 PM Altar Guild Team One Set-Up – Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary

### Saturday, March 2

*Church Offices Closed*

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

### Sunday, March 3: Third 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>          | 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        |
|      | Kim Hunt, <i>Stewardship Chair</i>      | kimhunt34711@gmail.com   |
|      | Elizabeth Nemeth, <i>Clerk</i>          | edreis55@gmail.com       |
| 2027 | Coleen Cox                              | drcoxmccintosh@gmail.com |
|      | Rod Denslow                             | roddenslow@gmail.com     |
|      | Glen Martin, <i>Assistant Treasurer</i> | glenmartin286@gmail.com  |

### ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
2.18.24	7:45 AM Service	24
2.18.24	9:30 AM Service	71
2.18.24	11:15 AM Service	27
	<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>
	<i>Online Views</i>	41
2.21.24	Healing Service	9

## Those on Our Prayer List

### Parish Family

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

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|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Joan Allabaugh    | John Foster      | Lidio Nembrotti  |
| Harold Andrews    | Miranda Foster   | Nembrotti Family |
| Geny Arrunategui  | Connie Gamb      | Elizabeth Nemeth |
| Ray Arthurs       | Karlene Gordon   | Megan Ogle       |
| Linda Armstrong   | Alice Grimes     | Austin Parkinson |
| Kay Barnes        | James Helm       | Maria Rosado     |
| Drew Bergeron     | Jeannine Helm    | Gene Ruryk       |
| Anakin Boeni      | Noel Kirton      | Suzanne Ruryk    |
| Jane Boyack       | Theresa Knight   | Sheila Seale     |
| Sandra Bradshaw   | Darrel Kugler    | Gina Storr       |
| Gavin Bramwell    | Larry Lock       | Jim Storr        |
| Reta Bramwell     | Longwater Family | 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   | 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 Jordan        | Linda Rosenberg       |
| Robert Bucci        | Fran Jue             | Jeannette Scanlan     |
| Nathaniel Carter    | Henriette 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

- 2.26 Hugh D. Dial, Jr.
- 2.26 Karl Nethersole
- 3.1 Connie Gamb

### Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 3.1 Larry & Mary Anne Lock

### Those Who Have Died

- Frank Macripo, *Eleonore Macripo's husband, dear friend & parishioner*
- Catherine Meginley, *dear friend & parishioner*

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 Celebration of Hugh D. Dial, Jr.'s Birthday  
Given with Love by Rick & Penny Durham

The Sanctuary Light is given to the  
Glory of God & St. Matthias Church  
and in Celebration of Hugh D. Dial, Jr.'s Birthday  
Given with Love by The St. Matthias Family

**RED BAG SUNDAY:** Please consider taking a red bag this Sunday (or an envelope for a monetary donation) and filling it with a few of the items needed at the Neighborhood Center of South Lake. Red bags, monetary donation envelopes, and lists of needed items can be found at our Neighborhood Center Kiosk in the Parish Hall. These items help support the work of the Neighborhood Center of South Lake as they care for those in need within our community. Your participation is very much appreciated. Please contact Keith Whitacre (952.239.5870 or keith.whitacre@gmail.com) or Peggy Hope (352.429.9778 or rush1937@embarqmail.com) 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** Please join us today, **Sunday, February 25, 2024**, at 9:20 am in the Little House for Sunday School. We look forward to seeing you all there! Please contact Karen Freiberg if you have any questions. (freibergs4@aol.com or 352.432.3164).

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Adult Sunday school will meet this **Sunday, February 25, 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.

**PEW REFURBISHING DAY:** We will be holding a Pew Refurbishing Day this **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.

**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 26, 2024, at 10:30 am, and Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 11:00 am.**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING:** Community Outreach will meet this **Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Office. Please contact Janette Dorn (352.235.5168) or Hope Blume (352.394.3855) if you have any questions. If you would like to join the committee or have not been to a meeting in a while, this is a great opportunity to attend, get caught up, and start jumping in to help with upcoming projects. All are welcome!

**BIBLE STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN:** Class will meet this **Tuesday, February 27, 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 28, 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.

**SINGING SAINTS:** Will rehearse this **Wednesday, February 28, 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 28, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Sanctuary for our Healing service. Please contact Fr. Jim or Hope Blume if you have any questions.

**SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER POST MEETING:** Please join us this **Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 1:00 pm** in the Office to discuss the Shrove Tuesday Supper and share any ideas/suggestions for next year's supper. Please contact Fred Jones (407.325.2256) or Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) 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, March 1, 2024, 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.

**STACY'S STAMPING CAMP:** Please contact Stacy Huntzinger at stampinstacy2010@hotmail.com, if you would like to attend Stacy's Stamping Camp on **Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 9:00 am** in the Parish Hall. Come out and join in on the fun!

**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).

**REFRESH GROUP MEETING:** The Refresh Group will meet on **Tuesday, March 5, 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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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