

This Week at St. Matthias

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

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

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

Thursday, March 7

- 11:00 AM English Class – Little House
 1:00 PM Church Picnic Planning Meeting – Little House
 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House

Friday, March 8

Church Offices Closed

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

Saturday, March 9

Church Offices Closed

- 9:00 AM Scrapbooking with Linda – Parish Hall

Sunday, March 10: Fourth 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

- | | | |
|------|--|--|
| 2025 | Cindi Curtis, <i>Treasurer</i>
Lorna Manny, <i>Sr. Warden</i>
Gloria Robinson | minicurtis55@msn.com
lornamanny23@gmail.com
gloria.730gr@gmail.com |
| 2026 | Maxine Hylton, <i>Jr. Warden</i>
Kim Hunt, <i>Stewardship Chair</i>
Elizabeth Nemeth, <i>Clerk</i> | maxhyl1@gmail.com
kimhunt34711@gmail.com
edreis55@gmail.com |
| 2027 | Coleen Cox
Rod Denslow, <i>Assistant Jr. Warden</i> | drccoxm McIntosh@gmail.com
roddenslow@gmail.com |
| | Glen Martin, <i>Assistant Treasurer</i> | glenmartin286@gmail.com |

ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
2.25.24	7:45 AM Service	25
2.25.24	9:30 AM Service	89
2.25.24	11:15 AM Service	36
	Total	150
	<i>Online Views</i>	80
2.28.24	Healing Service	12

Those on Our Prayer List

Parish Family

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

- | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Joan Allabaugh | Phyllis Forrest | Mike Meeker |
| Harold Andrews | John Foster | Lidio Nembrotti |
| Geny Arrunategui | Miranda Foster | Nembrotti Family |
| Ray Arthurs | Connie Gamb | Elizabeth Nemeth |
| Linda Armstrong | Karlene Gordon | Megan Ogle |
| Kay Barnes | Alice Grimes | Austin Parkinson |
| Drew Bergeron | James Helm | Maria Rosado |
| Anakin Boeni | Jeannine Helm | Gene Ruryk |
| Josef 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 |

Family & Friends

- | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 | 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

- 3-4** Dave Freiberg
3-6 Vicky Howland
3-9 Shirley Turner

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 3-9** Michael & Mindy Giallella

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 Loving Memory of Family Members
Given with Love by Claudia Seitz-Ricklick

The Sanctuary Light is given to the
Glory of God & St. Matthias Church
and in Thanksgiving & Celebration of
Larry & Mary Anne Lock's Wedding Anniversary

THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER OF SOUTH LAKE UPDATE: Demand continues to grow each week as more families seek help with basic needs. During 2023, 22,410 clients were served 1,814,322 pounds of food. We have outgrown our current building, and the City of Groveland has donated land to build a new facility. Without the support of local churches and organizations we could not operate. Donations and many volunteers keep the Center operating. The focus is to provide the healthiest food possible with lots of fresh fruit and produce and meat. For more information or to volunteer contact: Keith Whitacre (952.239.5870 or keith.whitacre@gmail.com) or Peggy Hope (352.988.7525 or rush1937@embarrqmail.com).

LADY BUGS: The Lady Bugs need an additional volunteer or two. They are the awesome group of volunteers that work behind the scenes ensuring all the buildings, doors, walkways, outdoor walls, breezeway area, outdoor light fixtures, and much more are all cleaned and brushed down for Sunday services. If you are interested in joining this amazing group of volunteers and/or have any questions, please contact Fanya Jones (fanneymay@cfl.rr.com or 407.760.1614). P.S., you do not need to be a lady to join the Lady Bugs – all are welcome!

SHROVE TUESDAY'S MARDI GRAS THANK YOU FROM FRED JONES: Dear St. Matthias Family and Friends: First, a big thank you to all! The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper has been a longtime tradition in our church until the recent onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic curtailed most of our church's congregational celebrations as well as our community social events. The loss of these events changed our church community in subtle ways, like not knowing our new members, and it separated our church into two groups: those who attend live services and those who attended online services. It caused a loss of interaction with each other as well as some loss of the spirit of joy that this lack of community togetherness can cause.

This year, our GOATs (the Men's Lunch Group) decided to host the Shrove Tuesday dinner in a new way that would stir up the curiosity of the church family and bring us together in a large cohesive group once again. Therefore, the Mardi Gras Event was born, and with some focused planning and "on the fly" changes, we created a successful, joy-filled, and well-attended event.

I want to thank everyone who attended, volunteered, and gave donations, and give a very special thanks to the GOATs for sharing theirs or their wife's culinary talents at this event, as well as everyone else who shared their culinary delights, and thank the church's administrative staff for their communication and logistical support.

This was a blessed event, and I hope it brought you as much joy as it brought me seeing all of us in one place sharing our lives and dinner together. This event felt good, and I hope to find time to do this several more times this year. With peace and joy, I thank you again. Sincerely yours, Fred Jones

PALM SUNDAY PASSION READING: If you would like to partake in the reading of the Passion for the Palm Sunday 9:30 am service, please add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Parish Hall. Please place your name next to the part you would like to read, one reader per part. Please contact Fr. Jim or Hope Blume if you have any 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.

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, March 3, 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.

ENGLISH 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 (kathy08069@yahoo.com) for additional information. Classes will meet this **Monday, March 4, 2024, at 10:30 am, and Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 11:00 am.**

REFRESH GROUP MEETING: The Refresh Group will meet this **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

BIBLE STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN: Class will meet this **Tuesday, March 5, 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.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday Bible Study (formally called the Women's Bible Study) will meet this **Wednesday, March 6, 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. All are welcome!

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

CHURCH PICNIC PLANNING MEETING: Please join us this **Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 1:00 pm** in the Office to begin planning for the upcoming Church Picnic scheduled for Sunday, April 7, 2024. We are in need of many volunteers and hope to see you there! Please contact Fred Jones or Hope Blume 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 8, 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.

SCRAPBOOKING WITH LINDA: **Saturday, March 9, 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!

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.

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