

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, March 10: Fourth Sunday in Lent (*Daylight Savings*)

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, March 11

- 9:30 AM Count Team Meeting – Office
- 10:30 AM English Class – Little House
- 1:30 PM Care Ministry Team Meeting – Parish Hall
- 6:15 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club Meeting – Library
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 13

- 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 14

- 11:00 AM English Class – Little House
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Parish Hall

Friday, March 15

Church Offices Closed

- 11:00 AM VBS Crafts Workshop – Parish Hall
- 5:00 PM Altar Guild Team Two Set-Up – Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary

Saturday, March 16

Church Offices Closed

- 11:00 AM VBS Crafts Workshop – Parish Hall

Sunday, March 17:

 Fifth 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 |
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ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
3.3.24	7:45 AM Service	18
3.3.24	9:30 AM Service	87
3.3.24	11:15 AM Service	34
	Total	139
	<i>Online Views</i>	29
3.1.24	Stations of the Cross	20
3.6.24	Healing Service	12

Those on Our Prayer List

Parish Family

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

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| Joan Allabaugh | John Foster | Nembrotti Family |
| Harold Andrews | Miranda Foster | Elizabeth Nemeth |
| Geny Arrunategui | Connie Gamb | Megan Ogle |
| Ray Arthurs | Karlene Gordon | Austin Parkinson |
| Linda Armstrong | Alice Grimes | Maria Rosado |
| Kay Barnes | James Helm | Gene Ruryk |
| Drew Bergeron | Jeannine Helm | Suzanne Ruryk |
| Anakin Boeni | Noel Kirton | Sheila Seale |
| Josef Boeni | Theresa Knight | Gina Storr |
| Jane Boyack | Larry Lock | Jim Storr |
| Sandra Bradshaw | John Luposello | Joe Sturges |
| Gavin Bramwell | Longwater Family | Mary Sturges |
| Mother Jane Clark | Diana Mahoney | Connie Tracey |
| Steve Coole | Imantee Mallay | Obiajulu Udokwu |
| Donna Dyson | Sabrina Mallay | Rick Unger |
| Anita Erickson | Stanley Mallay | Sandy Unger |
| Ann Forehand | Don Manny | Keith Whitacre |
| Buddy Forehand | Henrietta Martin | Stuart Wilson |
| Arthur Forrest | Mathews Family | Vera Wilson |
| Phyllis Forrest | Lidio Nembrotti | |

Family & Friends

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

Military & First Responders

- Jeff Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
- Nicole Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
- Vick Boothe, U.S. Army, Undisclosed Location
- Nicholas Buonocore, U.S. Navy, Undisclosed Location
- 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, Afghanistan
- Ian Todd, NJ National Guard Bravo Company 1-114, Syria
- Logan T. Wells, U.S. Marine Reserves

Those Celebrating Birthdays

- 3.12** Cindy Linney
- 3.13** Lidia Nembrotti
- 3.15** Mother Jane Clark

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 3.16** Rick & Hope Blume

REMINDER: This Sunday, March 10, 2024, is Daylight Savings. **Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before bed this Saturday, March 9, 2024**, as daylight savings goes into effect at 2:00 am on Sunday morning, March 10, 2024!

THANK YOU: Many hugs and a big thank you to the Wednesday Bible Study group for their help in making coral pieces and coral reefs for our upcoming VBS program!



FAMILIES IN TRANSITION (FIT) PROGRAM: We have been told that the FIT program is running very low and in need of deodorant, shampoo, breakfast bar, and all children sized underwear. If you can provide any of these items, 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 for your continued support of this vital program!

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 THIS 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.

CHURCH PICNIC SAVE-THE-DATE: The Annual Church Picnic will take place this year on **Sunday, April 7, 2024!** We will have **one service that Sunday at 10:00 am** with the picnic following immediately after. We hope everyone will come to worship and fellowship together! If you would like to assist with set-up, clean-up, and grilling, please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall. There is also a sign-up sheet for Hamburger toppings. The church will be providing hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, and drinks and we ask that you bring a dish and/or dessert to share. There will be indoor and outdoor seating, with lots of yummy food and fellowship. This is a great opportunity to spend time with all your church family members that attend different services. Please contact Fred Jones (or Hope Blume if you have any questions).

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 Lady Bugs – all are welcome!

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.

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 10, 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 11, 2024, at 10:30 am, and Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 11:00 am.**

BIBLE STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN: Class will meet this **Tuesday, March 12, 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 13, 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 13, 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 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Sanctuary for our Healing service. Please contact Fr. Jim or Hope Blume if you have any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP: There are two opportunities to help create decorations and items needed for our upcoming VBS program. VBS workshops will be on **Friday, March 15, 2024, AND Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. *No experience necessary, all supplies and directions will be provided.* Come out and join the fun! Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freiberqs4@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, March 15, 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.

REFRESH GROUP MEETING: The Refresh Group will meet on **Tuesday, March 19, 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

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! Please be sure to bring the flyer included in this week's bulletin, extra copies are available at the Welcome Table and in the Parish Hall to share with family and friends. Please contact Karen Freiberg (freiberqs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.



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FUNDRAISING

DINE-IN OR TO-GO

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**St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Community VBS**
Tuesday, March 26th
3pm – 10pm

**10%
DONATION NIGHT**
Come out and Support
St. Matthias VBS
by presenting this flyer to the Clermont
Location and Texas Roadhouse will donate
**10% of your total food purchases to
VBS!**



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:

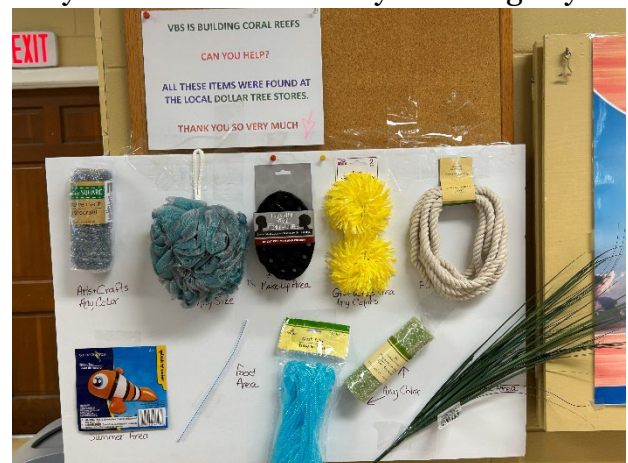
- 1- & 2-Liter Soda Bottles
- Bottle Caps
(water bottles, soda bottles)
- Egg Cartons
- Paper Towel Tubes
(please no toilet paper tubes)
- Newspapers
- Styrofoam Packing Peanuts
- Bubble Wrap
- Empty Cardboard Boxes

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





**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF AMERICA**

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.

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
Rick & Hope Blume's Wedding Anniversary

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

and in Celebration of
Scott Gustafson's Birthday
and
Rick & Hope Blume's Wedding Anniversary
Given with Love by Diane Gustafson