

## This Week at St. Matthias

### Sunday, March 15

Church Offices Closed

Sunday School Classes

Fr. Jim on Vacation

- 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, March 16

- 9:00 AM Count Team Three – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club – Library
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

### Tuesday, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 4:30 PM Vestry Meeting – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Bible Study with Janette Dorn – Parish Hall

### Wednesday, March 18

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda Klaas – Parish Hall
- 2:00 PM Food Providers of S.L. Meeting – Parish Hall
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Sunday School Building

### Thursday, March 19

- 10:30 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 4:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room & Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Parish Hall

### Friday, March 20

Church Offices Closed

Altar Guild Team Four Set Up – Sanctuary

- 11:00 AM VBS Workshop – Parish Hall (11:00am – 4:00pm)
- 11:00 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary

### Saturday, March 21

Church Offices Closed

- 11:00 AM VBS Workshop – Parish Hall (11:00am – 4:00pm)

### Sunday, March 22

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

#### SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
3.8.2026	7:45 AM Service	16
3.8.2026	9:30 AM Service	63
3.8.2026	Sunday School	7
3.8.2026	11:15 AM Service	16
	<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>
	Online Views	193

## Those on Our Prayer List

### Immediate & Urgent Prayers

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|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Renee Babcock     | Anita Erickson | Kathy Mahoney |
| Josef Boeni       | Cheryl Ferrell | Nadia Mashi   |
| Mother Jane Clark | Bob Gourley    | Jim Storr     |
| Linda Denslow     | Diana Mahoney  | Sandy Unger   |

### Parish Family Continued Prayers

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

### Family & Friends Continued Prayers

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

### 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

### Those Celebrating Birthdays

- 3.15** Mother Jane Clark
- 3.17** Melissa Stocki
- 3.20** James Powell
- 3.20** Dolores Wilson-Malone

### Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 3.16** Rick & Hope Blume
- 3.19** Richard & Kathleen Ridenour

### The Lenten Arrangement is given to the Glory of God & St. Matthias Church

and in Celebration of  
Michael & Mindy Giallella's  
35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

and in Celebration of  
Rick & Hope Blume's  
30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

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

# Rejoice!

St. Matthias Episcopal Church's  
**Holy Week & Easter Schedule**

**Palm Sunday**

March 29 at 7:45, 9:30, & 11:15 am

**Healing Service**

April 1 at 6:00 pm

**Maundy Thursday**

April 2 at 7:00 pm

**Good Friday**

April 3 at 12:00 pm

**Easter Vigil**

April 4 at 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday**

April 5 at 8:00 & 10:00 am

**FR. JIM OUT OF THE OFFICE:** Fr. Jim will be out of the office on Monday, March 16, 2026, returning to the office on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Please contact Hope Blume if you have a pastoral emergency.

**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 this week's bulletins and 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 online via the St. Matthias website at <https://onrealm.org/StMatthiasEpisc37600/-/form/give/now> and choose "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.

A donation in any amount is greatly appreciated and will help go towards the summer camp scholarships. The cost to send a child to camp for the full eight-week summer (four weeks in June and four weeks in July) is \$360.00. This year middle schoolers and high schoolers will be able to attend for free. They are expecting 120 elementary school children for our local chapter. Please contact Diane Gustafson (352.394.6514) if you have questions.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** If you would like to donate to the Easter Flowers, please use an Easter Flower donation envelope located in your service bulletin or at the back of the church. If donating via check, please be sure to indicate Flowers in the memo line. You may also donate via online by choosing the Flower giving fund. If you would like a loved one to be remembered in the bulletin, **all names need to be submitted no later than Sunday, March 22, 2026. Please be sure to clearly print the names.** Please contact the Church office (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** VBS workshops will begin on Friday March 20, 2026, at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall. I will be there on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> getting set up and organizing the Space Junk so we can get started. So many items have been donated, and we are grateful to all parishioners for their help in collecting items for us. Don't forget we have an Amazon wish list and need items from that too. We will be doing a lot of building and construction this year... excited to see our galaxy take shape and ready for mission control for blast off. Don't forget there's something for EVERYONE to do so please don't be shy and become a star in one of our many constellations.

I need a number of volunteers to teach and assist so please prayerfully consider stepping into space and watch the kids feel God's love.

See you SOON!! Hugs and blessings, Karen (703.862.2894 or freiberGs4@aol.com)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We can't WAIT to meet the littlest of our kiddos. All little ones older than 3 months are welcome. We have a walker, portable crib, lots of toys that are wiped down frequently, and an amazing staff. Once your little has turned one, though the decision is certainly yours, I strongly encourage you to bring them to nursery so they can start getting used to being left and see that we're going to love them like crazy. This will make transitioning to preschool Sunday School much smoother. If I see that they are ready for preschool Sunday School before the age of 3, I will start to involve them in classroom activities.

I'm looking for volunteers to fill in when staff are absent. I'd like to have at least a small list of folks who I can call on...sometimes at the last minute. Please prayerfully consider giving your time occasionally for this very rewarding opportunity, and you will be compensated with a gift card too.

We will all be sitting down together for a Seder tasting and lesson on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The lesson will be about how Jesus might have celebrated the season of Passover. It's a fascinating and informative lesson.

At our 10:00 am Easter Sunday service the kiddos will be processing into church with their Easter banners; parents, please arrive prior to 10:00 am. We will be meeting in the breezeway prior to the start of the service, and, in the breezeway, you will see all the beautiful Easter windsocks the kiddos have made. After the 10:00 am service there will be an Easter egg hunt for all the kids...bring a basket, bag, or other container to collect the eggs.

In May the new schedule will begin with two services instead of three. The most liked option for Sunday School time is beginning at 10:30 am and continuing until the end of the 11:15 am service. This begins May 10<sup>th</sup> and continues for May 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. MY reasoning for this time, selfishly, is so the teaching staff has more than 45 minutes with the kids. We will have time for arrival, songs, prayers, lessons, activities, communion, and departure. This will also give parents time in fellowship if desired, and a more focused time in church. Staff is very excited for this extended period and very much looking forward to being able to share more of God's love with them.

May 24<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of Sunday School until September. **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR VBS!!!**

Hugs and blessings, Karen (703.862.2894 or freiberGs4@aol.com)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY:** Sunday school will take place this **Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 9:20 am** in the Sunday School Building. Come join in on the fun! Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freiberGs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

**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:** Please join us this **Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 11:15 am** in the Music Room for a Lenten Study about forgiving. Please contact Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

**VESTRY MEETING:** Vestry will meet this **Tuesday, March 17, 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.

**GENESIS STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN:** Please join Janette Dorn this **Tuesday, March 17, 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.

**BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS:** Please join Wanda this **Wednesday, March 18, 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.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Choir practice meets this **Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 4:30 pm** in the Music Room. 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!

**VBS WORKSHOPS:** Please join us this **Friday, March 20 and this Saturday, March 21, 2026, any time from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm** to help create this year's VBS Galaxy! There is something for everyone to do, so please come out and join the fun! Questions, contact Karen (703.862.2894 or freibegs4@aol.com).

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Please join us for week five this **Friday, March 20, 2026, 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.

**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 MEMBERS NEEDED:** If you are interested in joining the Flower Guild, please contact Wanda Klaas (klaas46@yahoo.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**

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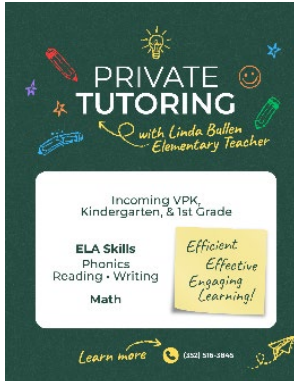
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