

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, March 22

Church Offices Closed

Sunday School Classes

- 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 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

- 9:00 AM Microphone Install – Sanctuary & Parish Hall
- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Bible Study with Janette Dorn – Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 25

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda Klaas – Parish Hall
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Sunday School Building

Thursday, March 26

- 11:00 AM VBS Workshop – Parish Hall (11:00am – 4:00pm)
- 4:15 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room & Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Parish Hall

Friday, March 27

Church Offices Closed

Altar Guild Team One Set Up – Sanctuary

- 11:00 AM VBS Workshop – Parish Hall (11:00am – 4:00pm)
- 11:00 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 12:30 PM Preparing the Palms & Palm Crosses – Parish Hall
- 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary

Saturday, March 28

Church Offices Closed

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

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

Red Bag Sunday

Sunday School Classes

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- 9:30 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
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- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Music Room

SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
3.13.2026	Stations of the Cross	26
3.15.2026	7:45 AM Service	16
3.15.2026	9:30 AM Service	68
3.15.2026	Sunday School	12
3.15.2026	11:15 AM Service	34
	Total	130

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

- 3.23** Helen Baker
- 3.24** Jason Turner
- 3.25** Frank Verbeke
- 3.27** Julietta Stocki
- 3.28** Stuart Wilson

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

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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



EASTER FLOWERS – THIS SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT NAMES: 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 this 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.

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, **no later than this Sunday, March 22, 2026.** Please place your name next to the part you would like to read, **one reader per part.** Please contact the Church office (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

SAVE-THE-DATE – ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC: The Annual Church Picnic will take place this year on **Sunday, April 12, 2026.** We will have **one service at 10:00 am with the picnic following immediately after.** We hope everyone will come to worship and fellowship together! Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall if you would like to assist with set-up, clean-up, grilling, overseeing indoor or outdoor games, and/or bring a dish or dessert to share. 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 a bunch of delicious food and fellowship. This is a fantastic opportunity to spend time catching up with all your church family members, especially those that may attend different service times. Please contact the Church office if you have any questions.

SAVE-THE-DATE – PANCAKE SUPPER: The Ladies' Luncheon group will be hosting a Pancake Supper to help raise funds for the outstanding A/C loan. The event will take place on **Friday, April 17, 2026, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.** We hope everyone will come out to enjoy delicious food and fellowship! This year the menu consists of Pancakes, Waffles, Chicken, Bacon, Sausage, Fruit, and Beverages. If you would like to attend, and/or assist with set-up, clean-up, food donations, cooking, and/or serving, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time fellowshiping with your fellow church family members, while enjoying some delicious foods, and raising funds to cover the outstanding A/C loan. Tickets are \$15.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the event chairs below:

Norma Sweeney: 516.906.3646 or nsween820@gmail.com

Cora Thomas: 407.719.2889 or corajo4@outlook.com

Angela Smith: 352.349.4155 or alanaleona2621@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDERS:

- This Sunday, March 22, 2026, will be a Passover and a Seder lesson for all the classes. You don't want to miss this one!
- Church service hours change May 3, 2026. Sunday school hours change May 10, 2026. New hours are 10:30 am to 12:15 pm (after the 11:15 service). Please plan accordingly. This may take some getting used to, but we can do this. We are thrilled to have the kiddos for a longer class period!
- **We WILL have Sunday School March 29, 2026, the fifth Sunday of March.**
- Sunday, April 5, 2026 (Easter Day) we will meet in the breezeway area at 9:50 am to collect banners and march into church as part of the procession.
- Sunday, April 5, 2026 (Easter Day) we will have an Easter egg hunt after the 10:00 am service (only service where there will be an Easter Egg Hunt afterwards). Please bring a basket to collect eggs.
- Sunday, April 5, 2026 (Easter Day) please look up and note all the beautiful windsocks made by the kiddos hanging in the breezeway.

Reach out if you have any questions. Hugs and blessings, Karen (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: URGENT...URGENT...URGENT...URGENT

I am enormously grateful to all who have volunteered their time, talents, and energy for VBS during the last three years. Due to a variety of reasons, several past volunteers will not be available to help this year, and so I find myself in a very difficult position and in need of your help. To carry out a VBS program many volunteers are needed, this year we are especially in need of teachers and teacher assistants. If we are unable to have enough volunteers, I am afraid we will not be able to move forward with this incredibly vital, fun, and uplifting summer program. Please pray. Is God calling you to this ministry? Are you ignoring him, or will you take that leap of faith and join the team? It does take a village to carry out this program, and I need you, all of you. I promise seeing the children's eyes light up, watching them engage in the many activities, witnessing them making new friends, and walking the path as a child of God is one of the most rewarding experiences you can have, and I hope you will pray about how you can be a part of this rewarding and vital ministry. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Love, hugs, and blessing, Karen (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com)

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY: Sunday school will take place this **Sunday, March 22, 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 22, 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.

GENESIS STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN: Please join Janette Dorn this **Tuesday, March 24, 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 25, 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.

VBS WORKSHOPS: Please join us this **Thursday, March 26, Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28, 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 freibergs4@aol.com).

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Choir practice meets this **Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 4:15 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!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please join us for week six this **Friday, March 27, 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.

PREPARING THE PALMS & PALM CROSS MAKING: Everyone is welcome to join us this **Friday, March 27, 2026, at 12:30 pm** in the Parish Hall to help prepare the palms and make palm crosses for our Palm Sunday services. If you have never done this before, that is totally okay as there will be others to help show you how it is done. Please bring a pair of scissors with you. If you would like to stay for additional fellowship after the palms are completed, please feel free to bring a bagged lunch and/or snacks. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653) or Margaret Jahreis (352.636.0061) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

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
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)

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, games, and good food!

We'll be providing hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, and drinks, and we ask that you bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert to share.

Want to get involved? Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to help with set-up, clean-up, grilling, or games!

Feel free to contact the Church Office at **352.394.3855** with any questions.

VERONICA EVAN'S BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS: A very dear friend and fellow parishioner Ronnie Evans, 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. 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 is to provide a safe place to learn and grow through caring, positive relationships with adults.

There are four ways you may participate:

- (1) Blue colored envelopes located at the back of the Church for regular or one-time offerings.
- (2) Containers labeled "Boys and Girls Club" are 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.

SAVE-THE-DATE Pancake Supper

Friday, April 17, 2026
5:00-7:00 pm



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What's On the Menu?

Pancakes & Waffles • Chicken, Bacon, & Sausage • Fresh Fruit • Coffee & Tea

Want To Attend?

Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Hall every Sunday between services OR online through OnRealm



Please select "Pancake Supper" as the giving fund

Ticket Prices

Adults: \$15.00
Kids (under 12): \$10.00

All proceeds will go towards paying back our A/C Replacement Fund

Want To Get Involved?

Sign-up sheets for food donations, event volunteers, and attendees can be found in the Parish Hall

Have Questions?

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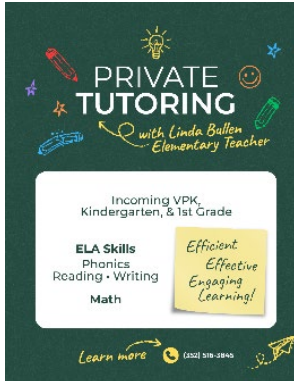
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