

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday

Church Offices Closed

- 8:00 AM Easter Service – Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easter Service – Sanctuary
- Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- Nursery Care – Little House

Monday, April 1: Easter Monday - Church Offices Closed

Church Offices Closed

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

Tuesday, April 2

- 1:00 PM Refresh Group Meeting – Little House

Wednesday, April 3

- 10:30 AM Wednesday Bible Study – Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Funeral Reception Set-Up – Parish Hall
- 4:00 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room/Sanctuary

Thursday, April 4

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

Friday, April 5

Church Offices Closed

- 1:00 PM Altar Guild Team One Set-Up – Sanctuary

Saturday, April 6

Church Offices Closed

- 11:00 AM Catherine Meginley's Funeral Service – Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Reception Honoring Catherine Meginley – Parish Hall
- 3:00 PM Church Picnic Set-Up – Parish Hall

Sunday, April 7: One Service & Annual Church Picnic

Church Offices Closed

- 10:00 AM One Church Service – Sanctuary
- Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- Nursery Care – Little House
- 11:00 AM Church Picnic – Parish Hall/Side Lawn

Vestry Members

2025	Cindi Curtis, <i>Treasurer</i>	ninicurtis55@msn.com
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ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
3.24.24	7:45 AM Service	28
3.24.24	9:30 AM Service	103
3.24.24	11:15 AM Service	38
	Total	169
	<i>Online Views</i>	59
3.22.24	Stations of the Cross	28
3.27.24	Healing Service	14

The Altar Flowers & Greens are given to the
Glory of God & St. Matthias Church

and in Loving Memory of Delton Chambers
Given with Love by Donald & Sharon Williams

The Sanctuary Light is given to the
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Those on Our Prayer List

Parish Family

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Joan Allabaugh	Miranda Foster	Nembrotti Family
Harold Andrews	Connie Gamb	Elizabeth Nemeth
Geny Arrunategui	Karlene Gordon	Megan Ogle
Ray Arthurs	Alice Grimes	Austin Parkinson
Linda Armstrong	James Helm	Maria Rosado
Kay Barnes	Jeannine Helm	Gene Ruryk
Drew Bergeron	Noel Kirton	Suzanne Ruryk
Anakin Boeni	Theresa Knight	Sheila Seale
Josef Boeni	Larry Lock	Gina Storr
Jane Boyack	John Luposello	Jim Storr
Sandra Bradshaw	Longwater Family	Joe Sturges
Gavin Bramwell	Eleonore Macripo	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	
John Foster	Mike Meeker	

Family & Friends

Sean	Emily Griffin	David Moore
Kendra	Jennifer Henderson	Danny Nemeth
Patricia Ainlay	Sharon Hess	Andrew Nickolaou
Judith Bergeron	Nicole Hess	Ophelia Nickolaou
Jean Blume	Meraid Hess	Karter Nickolaou
Bollech Family	Nkenge Hewitt/Castro	Ethyn Nickolaou
Reta Bramwell	Jordan Hofstetter	Ty Nu
Gary Braner	Mary Italia	Ruth Rees
Marcia Brown	Mark Jenkins	Timothy Reid
Rose Brown	Debbie Jordan	Linda Rosenberg
Suzie Brownlee	Fran Jue	Jeannette Scanlan
Reverend Bill Boyer	Henrirtte Karnik	Schoff Family
Robert Bucci	Frances LaCroix	Inge Sebach
Nathaniel Carter	Normand LaCroix	Nary Singh
Mary Ellen Cook	Lantigua Family	Mary Sowers
Shedrick Cotton	Anne Lee	Terry Vander Meer
Reverend Cass Daly	Bob Link	Vannoy Family
Betty Davis	Jennifer 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
Telecia Francis	Sherrill Mizioch	Richard Wolf

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, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, WA
 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

- 3.31** Cindy Hunt
- 4.1** Kayla Taylor
- 4.2** Russell Moore
- 4.4** Paula Kennedy
- 4.6** Anita Erickson

Those We Have Died

Madeline Schoff, *Rod Denslow's sister*
 Dave Bollech, *Rod & Linda Denslow's very dear friend*

EASTER SERVICES & UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

SERVICE	DATE	TIME
Easter Services	Sunday, March 31, 2024	8:00 am · 10:00 am
One Church Service (come worship all together)	Sunday, April 7, 2024	10:00 am
Church Picnic (come fellowship all together)	Sunday, April 7, 2024	11:00 am

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES: Please join us this **Sunday, March 31, 2024, at 8:00 am or 10:00 am** in the Sanctuary for our Easter Sunday services. The services will be identical, and we will live-stream via Facebook the 10:00 am service. Nursery Care will be available at the 10:00 am service.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: Please bring a flower (or more) with you on Easter Sunday as your part of this beautiful tradition!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Office will be **closed on Monday, April 1, 2024**. All emails and voicemail messages will be answered when we return on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Jim Dorn at rector@stmatthiasfl.com.

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.

VBS: My friends, do you know how awesome you are? Let me tell you. You have been so generous and faithful in your support of our VBS program and our VBS team couldn't be more grateful. You will not believe what we are turning your "trash" into and your donation of items as well. Thank you, thank you and keep it coming! Please know if we end up with more than we need, we will dispose of any leftover "trash" and use the other items for future projects. Hugs and blessings, Karen Freiberg

THANK YOU: St. Matthias sure knows how to represent, thank you all so much for attending and supporting the Minneola Library Book, Bake, and Craft Sale last Saturday. It was such a joy to see so many of you and to give and receive so many hugs! If you couldn't make it, not to worry, there will be another one on October 5, 2024. Again, thank you very much! Hugs and blessings, Karen Freiberg

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 (kathyto8069@yahoo.com) for additional information. Classes will meet this **Monday, April 1, 2024, at 10:30 am, and Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 11:00 am**.

REFRESH GROUP MEETING: The Refresh Group will meet this **Tuesday, April 2, 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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday Bible Study (formally called the Women's Bible Study) will meet this **Wednesday, April 3, 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!

FUNERAL RECEPTION SET-UP: Set-up for Catherine Meginley's Funeral Reception will take place on **Wednesday, April 3, 2024, around 12:30 pm** (after the Wednesday Bible Study). If you would like to assist with the reception set-up, during the reception, clean-up, or provide finger food hors d'oeuvres and/or desserts, please contact Peggy Hope (352.988.7525 or rush1937@embarrqmail.com) or Margaret Jahreis (352.636.0061 or margaret@gatherinranch.com).

SINGING SAINTS: Will rehearse this **Wednesday, April 3, 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.

CATHERINE MEGINLEY'S FUNERAL SERVICE: Will take place on **Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 11:00 am** in the Sanctuary, followed immediately after with a reception in the Parish Hall. If you would like to assist with the reception set-up, during the reception, clean-up, or provide finger food hors d'oeuvres and/or desserts, please contact Peggy Hope or Margaret Jahreis.

CHURCH PICNIC SET-UP: Please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall and/or contact Fred Jones or Hope Blume if you would like to help set-up for the Church Picnic on Saturday, **April 6, 2024, around 3:00 pm** (after the reception honoring Catherine Meginley).

CHURCH PICNIC: 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. If you would like to oversee some indoor and/or outdoor games, please add your name to the sign-up sheets. 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 together with all your church family members that attend different services. Please contact Fred Jones (fjones59@cfl.rr.com or 407.325.2256) or Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com or 352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

UPCOMING VBS WORKSHOPS: We will be holding two VBS Workshops in April on **Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13 both from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Please come out and help, any amount of time you can share will be very much appreciated! Please contact Karen Freiberg (freibergs4@aol.com or 703.862.2894) if you have any questions. Please feel free to bring lunch and/or snacks with you! There is lots to do and something for everyone – come join us and be a part of this amazing underwater adventure!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 9:20 am in the Little House will be our next Sunday School session where we will come together to learn about the Jewish Seder and taste Seder foods. All items will be provided. This is a very interesting lesson with many comparisons to how we as Christians worship/celebrate. We hope your kiddos will be able to attend. Please contact Karen Freiberg (freibergs4@aol.com or 703.862.2894) if you have any questions.

CONFIRMATION/INQUIRER'S CLASS: If you are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. **Classes will begin on May 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Office and will meet every Thursday evening during the month of May. This class is open to all adults and youth, please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you are an adult or youth. Please contact Fr. Jim (352.394.3855 or rector@stmatthiasfl.com) if you have any questions.

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). You do not need to be a lady to join Lady Bugs – all are welcome!

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).

FAMILIES IN TRANSITION (FIT) PROGRAM: We have been told that the FIT program is running very low and in need of **deodorant, shampoo, breakfast bars, 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!

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:

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| • Pool Noodles | • Straws | • Hairstyling Sponge |
| • Pipe Cleaners | • Mesh Ribbon | • Pompom Gift Bows |
| • Plastic Table Coverings | • Bath Luffas | • Inflatable Fish |
| • Green Onion Grass Sprays | • Cotton Nautical Rope | |

Please begin/continue saving the following items for us:

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

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