

## This Week at St. Matthias

### Sunday, May 3

New Sunday Service Schedule Begins

OneBlood Presentation

Church Offices Closed

- 9:00 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 9:00 AM OneBlood Presentation – Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall (10am-11am)
- 10:00 AM Blood Donor Information & Sign-Up – Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM OneBlood Presentation – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Music Room

#### **Nursery Care is Available Every Sunday**

8:45 am to 12:30 pm  
Sunday School Building

### Monday, May 4

- 9:30 AM Count Team One – Church Office
- 12:00 PM Building & Grounds Meeting – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club – Library
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

### Tuesday, May 5

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office

### Wednesday, May 6

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda – Parish Hall
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Sunday School Building
- 6:30 PM Confirmation Class with Fr. Jim – Church Office

### Thursday, May 7

- 4:00 PM Choir Social Time – Music Room
- 4:15 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room & Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

### Friday, May 8

Church Offices Closed

Altar Guild Team Three

- 10:00 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office

### Saturday, May 9

Church Offices Closed

- 9:00 AM Scrapbooking/Crafting w/ Linda – Church Office

### Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

Sunday School Classes

Big Red Bus Blood Drive

Church Offices Closed

- 9:00 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 10:00 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall (10am-11am)
- 10:00 AM Blood Drive – In Front of Church Office
- 10:30 AM Sunday School Classes – Sunday School Building
- 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School – Music Room Rite II
- 11:15 AM Service with Music – Sanctuary

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#### SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
4.26.2026	7:45 AM Service	28
4.26.2026	9:30 AM Service	75
4.26.2026	Sunday School	13
4.26.2026	11:15 AM Service	27
<b>Total In- Person</b>		<b>143</b>
Online Views		163

## Those on Our Prayer List

### Immediate & Urgent Prayers

Eric Barefoot	Miranda Foster	Marcia Smith
Mother Jane Clark	Diana Mahoney	Kayla Taylor
Linda Denslow	Nadia Mashi	

### Parish Family Continued Prayers

Doreen Asregadoo	Deidre Huffman	Sheila Seale
Renee Babcock	Larry Lock	Jim Storr
Tristen Babcock	Anne Luposello	Mary Sturges
Josef Boeni	Kathy Mahoney	Joe Sturges
Esther Catino	Imantee Mallay	Linda Thorp
Michael Clark	Stanley Mallay	Connie Tracey
Hugh Dial	Lorna Manny	Liane Trainello
Robert Eyer	Don Manny	Sandy Unger
Cheryl Ferrell	Edna Marcus	Stuart Wilson
Michael Giallella	Olive McPherson	Vera Wilson
Jeannine Helm	Tracy Morelli	Dolores Wilson-Malone

### Family & Friends Continued Prayers

Nathan Allabaugh	Mary Dorn	Danny Nemeth
Anakin Boeni	Eyer Family	Felicidad Robinson
Isabel Boeni	John Floyd	Autumn Rose
Danielle Chavez	Bob Gourley	Gene Ruryk
Deena Chavez	Frances LaCroix	Suzanne Ruryk
Cooper Coole	Jennifer Lacroix	Denise Thibault Vespa

### 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

- 5-3 Gabe Minassin
- 5-4 KC Bush Minassian
- 5-5 Gina Mobley
- 5-5 Stephen Baker
- 5-7 Aston Evans
- 5-8 Ana Carter

### Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 5-4 Matt & Gina Mobley

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

and in Celebration of  
Matt & Gina Mobley's Wedding Anniversary

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

## NEW SERVICE SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

**8:45 am to 12:30 pm**

Nursery Care – Sunday School Building

**9:00 am**

Rite II with Music – Sanctuary

**10:00 am to 11:00 am**

Coffee and Conversations in the Parish Hall

*Please plan to conclude fellowship by 11:00 am to allow time for a smooth transition before the 11:15 am service. This will help create space for anyone wanting a few quiet moments in reflection or prayer prior to the service beginning.*

**11:00 am**

Adult Sunday School – Music Room

**11:15 am**

Rite II with Music – Sanctuary

**SUNDAY BULLETINS:** We invite you to take a service bulletin home with you if you would like to reflect further on the readings, prayers, and announcements from today's service. Bulletins can be a helpful resource for personal devotion throughout the week. If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please return it to an usher or place it on the welcome table as you exit. Returned bulletins may be reused when appropriate or recycled. As good stewards of St. Matthias' resources, we strive to be mindful of waste and to care for God's creation by reducing unnecessary printing. Your cooperation helps us remain both resourceful and environmentally conscious. Thank you for your care and consideration.

### **A/C LOAN BALANCE UPDATE**

Original loan amount \$40,000.00 at a 2.56% interest rate.

**Loan balance as of 4.29.2026 is \$10,143.72.**

*Thank you to everyone for all the donations and event proceeds that have been placed toward the a/c loan.*

We have come a long way since the origination of the loan on June 1, 2023.

**The remainder of the loan is due on October 1, 2026.**

**EXTREMELY GRATEFUL:** We want to give a huge, heartfelt thank you to Hope Martin and Lelieth Miller for jumping in to clean, scrub, and organize the Parish Hall Kitchen. The time and effort you gave truly made a difference, and it means so much to our entire church family. Walking into the kitchen now feels like a breath of fresh air, and that's all because of your hard work and willingness to serve. It's a beautiful reminder of what love in action looks like. If you see Hope and Lelieth around, please take a moment to thank them and share your appreciation. As we enjoy the space, let's all do our part to keep it clean and welcoming. A quick wipe, putting things back where they belong, keeping the counters free of clutter, and being mindful will go a long way in honoring all the effort that went into this huge endeavor. Thank you again, Hope and Lelieth, for your kindness, generosity, and servant hearts. We are so incredibly grateful to you both!

**SOCK MINISTRY NEEDS:** We need men's socks (new or like-new) and protein bars (any type that are individually wrapped) for the Sock Ministry. Socks are the number one clothing need of those experiencing homelessness. The *Sock It To 'Em* Campaign aims to put new socks on the feet of men, women, and children experiencing homelessness and/or are in need. At St. Matthias, our goal is to distribute sock packs to those we see in our everyday lives who appear to need warm, dry socks and a little kindness. All donated items can be placed in the bin labeled "Sock Ministry" located in the Parish Hall. Please contact Kathy Mahoney (321.200.7032 or kathleen7219@outlook.com) if you have any questions.

**NURSERY CARE:** Nursery Care is available in the Sunday School Building from 8:45 am to 12:30 pm 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** No Sunday School this Sunday, May 3, 2026. We will meet again next Sunday, May 10, 2026. Reminder that we will now begin meeting at 10:30 am through the end of the 11:15 am service. The teaching staff is very excited to have more time with the kiddos so we can add some music and prayer time to our morning as well as more time for the Bible lessons. We will still come in for communion at the 11:15 am service. We will be meeting through the end of May – 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> (one service at 10:00 am Sunday School 9:50 for Bishop Holcomb’s visit), 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>. On May 31, 2026, our last day of the school year, we will have a party in the classroom and an award presentation during the 11:15 am church service. Nursery will be available for both the 9:00 am and 11:15 am services, and in between the services. We would love to have all the littles that have and those turning one year of age join us. We have a swing, walker, bed, and LOTS of new toys to play with. You can even stay for a bit to make sure all is well, if you want to. We look forward to seeing all the sweet faces...kiddos and yours alike. Hugs and blessings, Karen

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Meets this **Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 11:00 am** in the Music Room. The topic of study is *Forgiveness: Why should I and How Can I?* Please contact Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING:** The Building & Grounds Committee will meet this **Monday, May 4, 2026, at 12:00 noon** in the Church Office to discuss upcoming projects and schedule upcoming workdays. Anyone who would like to help around the church campus is welcome to join in at the meeting! Please contact Fred Jones (407.325.2256 or fjones59@cfl.rr.com) or Maxine Hylton (305.775.3415 or maxhyl1@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS:** Please join Wanda this **Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. Current topic of study is the Minor Prophets. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES WITH FR. JIM:** Class will meet this **Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 6:30 pm** in the Church Office. Please contact Fr. Jim (352.460.9580 or jmdorn3@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Choir practice meets this **Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 4:15 pm** in the Music Room. If you would like to have social time prior to the start of practice, please join us at 4:00 pm in the Music Room, with practice following promptly at 4:15 pm. See what it is like, meet new friends, and lift your voice with us. If you are interested or have questions, feel free to contact Gina Mobley (407.782.3065) or simply show up. We would love to have you!

**THE BIG RED BUS IS COMING TO ST. MATTHIAS!:** Come help save lives on **Sunday, May 10, 2026, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**, in front of the St. Matthias Church Office. Appointments can be made using the following link: [https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/1774722](https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1774722). Every two seconds someone needs a blood transfusion, every two seconds!!! Please come out and donate, receive some cool donor gifts, and most importantly, help save many lives. Each donation helps save up to three lives! Thank you for your support in this life-saving program!

**BISHOP’S VISIT:** The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb will be celebrating with us on **Sunday, May 17, 2026**. We will hold one service at 10:00 am followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. More details to follow.

**HIGHSCHOOL FIT PROGRAM NEEDS (FAMILIES IN TRANSITION):** The Families in Transition (FIT) program is **currently in dire of need of deodorant** and the items listed below. If you can help with any of the items, please place them in the red rolling bin in the Parish Hall. Thank you very much for your continued support! Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions.

**deodorant**  
**warm blankets**  
**hoodies/sweatshirts**

**leggings (any sizes)**  
**feminine products**  
**hygiene items (any type)**

**shelf stable milk**  
**shelf stable food items**  
**wet wipes**

**COFFEE HELP NEEDED:** We are looking for a few more friendly volunteers to help serve coffee during our fellowship time! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and be a part of creating a warm, welcoming environment for everyone. If you are willing to lend a hand—whether regularly or occasionally—please contact Peggy Hope (352.429.9778 or rush1937@embarqmail.com) or Mindy Giallella (407.222.4540 or allellaigm@gmail.com). Your help makes a significant difference!

**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.

**A NOTE FROM FR. JIM:** Beginning on Sunday, May 3, 2026, we will begin our new Sunday service schedule. Join us for worship at 9:00 am or 11:15 am, with a time of fellowship between 10:00 to 11:00 am. Nursery Care will be available every Sunday from 8:45 am to 12:30 pm. Sunday school classes will be held from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm beginning on May 12, 2026. We know these changes mostly impact those who have been attending the 7:45 am service, and we are grateful for your flexibility, understanding, and continued faithfulness. To help with this transition, we will offer a spoken (non-music) service at 9:00 am on the last Sunday of each month. The 11:15 am service will continue to include music on those Sundays. A spoken service may be something new for many of us, and we warmly encourage you to come and experience this service as it can be a meaningful and refreshing way to worship together. We look forward to this new season in our life together! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or a Vestry member. Blessings to all of you, and thank you for your support, understanding, and prayers as we move forward, Fr. Jim +

**A NOTE FROM HOPE BLUME:** *“If nothing ever changed, there’d be no butterflies.”* – Wendy Mass  
Dear St. Matthias Family, there have been many discussions and feelings shared regarding the upcoming service schedule and Sunday School time changes. I ask that as we walk together in faith, we recognize that seasons of change are a natural and necessary part of growth. While change can sometimes feel uncertain or even uncomfortable, it also presents an opportunity for renewal, deeper trust, and a stronger sense of unity within our church community.

I want to encourage each of you to continue supporting the decisions made by our church leadership. These choices are not made lightly—they are covered in prayer, guided by wisdom, and rooted in a desire to follow God’s direction for our church. Even when we may not fully understand every step, we can choose to trust the process and the people God has placed in leadership.

Let us remain united in spirit, grounded in love, and committed to extending grace to one another. Our strength as a church family is not found in uniformity, but in our shared faith and our willingness to walk together through every season.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness, encouragement, and heart for St. Matthias. Together, we will move forward with hope and confidence in what God is doing among us.

If you have any concerns regarding these changes, please feel free to talk to Fr. Jim, a vestry member, or staff member. We are all here to help put you at ease during this upcoming season of transition and change.

*“The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance.”* – Alan Watts  
Love and Blessings, Hope

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

*New Service Schedule*

Beginning Sunday, May 3, 2026, we will start our new Sunday service schedule:

**9:00 AM 11:15 AM**

*Fellowship*  
**10:00–11:00 AM**

*Sunday School*  
**10:30 AM–12:30 PM**  
Every Second, Third, & Fourth Sunday

*Nursery Care*  
**8:45 AM–12:30 PM**

*Adult Sunday School*  
**11:00 AM–12:00 PM**

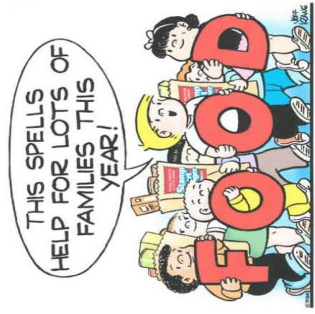
In addition, the last Sunday of every month will offer

**SPOKEN-WORD**  
worship at the 9:00 AM service.

*We look forward to this new season in our life together!*

# Food Drive Stamp Out Hunger

**When:** Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> Place food by your  
Mailbox Before 10 am



LETTER CARRIERS'  
**DONOR DRIVE**

**What:** Your US Letter carrier will leave a plastic bag and postcard  
in your mailbox, or you can use any plastic bag.

**How:** Volunteers and your U.S. Postal letter carrier will work  
together to pick up the food

**Who:** Food Donations will be delivered to Local pantries

**Why:** To help those in need of food



# DONATE BLOOD

Donors  
Receive



- PLUS -



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**St. Matthias Episcopal Church**  
**Sunday, May 10**  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

All donors will receive\*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Sun Shade**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

*Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.*



Appointments are encouraged, please  
visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and  
use sponsor code **58636**

**ID REQUIRED**

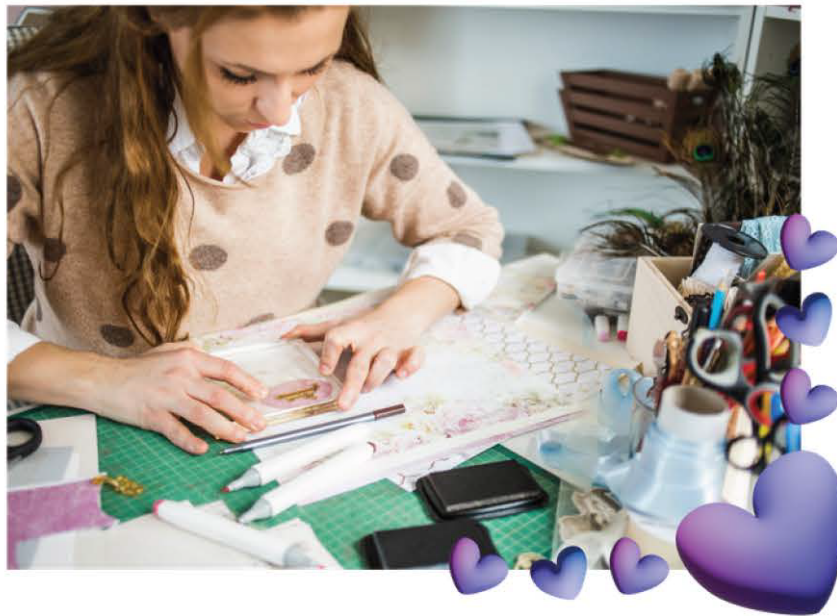
\*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable.  
Gifts may vary. For more information please visit [oneblood.org/details](http://oneblood.org/details).

**oneblood**  
Share your power.

In honor of those who have Alzheimer's, their families & their caregivers, come out to St Matthias Episcopal Church and join us for card making, companionship, and raising funds and awareness for the cause.

*Thursday June 18th*

10 to 4PM



This is a drop-in event, and each participant is asked to make a donation of \$10 or more. All money from this event will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association. Participants will be able to make and keep 3 greeting cards, and all supplies will be provided. Each participant may also stay after they complete their three cards to make additional cards for the church.

**For more information,**

**please contact**

**Stacy Huntzinger**

**stacyzinger@yahoo.com**

**407-810-8971**

*Can't attend but would like to donate? Scan the QR code to donate now.*



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