

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, May 25

Red Bag Sunday

Sunday School Classes & End-of-Year Celebration

Church Offices Closed

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word Service – Sanctuary
- 9:20 AM Sunday School Classes – Little House
- 9:30 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 9:30 AM Nursery Care – Little House
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Nursery Care – Little House
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Choir Room

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day

Church Offices Closed

- 6:00 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club – Parish Hall
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 27

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 9:30 AM Count Team Four – Church Office
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda Bullen – Little House
- 5:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Check Presentation – Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Harvest Festival/Pet Bless Meeting – Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 28

- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda – Church Office
- 12:00 PM Ladies' Luncheon – Applebee's Grill & Bar
- 4:00 PM Singing Saints' Fellowship – Choir Room
- 4:30 PM Singing Saints' Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, May 29

- 11:00 AM Jim Graff Memorial Service – Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Parish Hall

Friday, May 30

Church Offices Closed

- 9:30 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 11:00 AM VBS Workshop – Parish Hall (11:00 am to 4:00 pm)
- 11:00 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 1:00 PM Altar Guild Team One Set-Up – Sanctuary
- 1:00 PM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office

Saturday, May 31

Church Offices Closed

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

Sunday, June 1

Church Offices Closed

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word Service – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 9:30 AM Nursery Care – Little House
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Those on Our Prayer List

Immediate & Urgent Prayers

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| Renee Babcock | Esther Catino | Graff Family |
| Aleksei Valle-Bolanos | Ruth Graff | Peggy Link |

Parish Family Continued Prayers

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| Nathan Allabaugh | Michael Giallella | Kristopher Mock |
| Harold Andrews | Sarah Grimes | Nembrotti Family |
| Geny Arrunategui | James Helm | Lidio Nembrotti |
| Lois Beeney | Jeannine Helm | Audrey Nethersole |
| Anakin Boeni | Anne Hollywood | Marlene Parkinson |
| Isabel Boeni | Theresa Knight | Carol Radovich |
| Josef Boeni | Mary Anne Lock | Sonia Robles |
| Gavin Bramwell | Longwater Family | Eddie Rodriguez |
| Mother Jane Clark | John Luposello | Maria Rodriguez |
| Michael Clark | Diana Mahoney | Maria Rosado |
| Hugh Dial | CZ Mathews | Courtenay Ryan |
| Geraldine Engel | Elijah Mathews | Sheila Seale |
| Anita Erickson | Isabella Mathews | Jim Storr |
| Ann Forehand | Jackson Mathews | Joe Sturges |
| Buddy Forehand | Imantee Mallay | Mary Sturges |
| Arthur Forrest | Stanley Mallay | Linda Thorp |
| Phyllis Forrest | Don Manny | Liane Trainello |
| John Foster | Lorna Manny | Stuart Wilson |
| Miranda Foster | Edna Marcus | Vera Wilson |

Family & Friends Continued Prayers

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| Sean | Mary Dorn | Eleanore Meade |
| Kendra | Cheryl Ferrell | Danny Nemeth |
| Cooper Coole | Maria Figueroa | Sandi Rzepka |
| Reverend Cass Daly | Millie Figueroa | Gene Ruryk |
| Reginald Crooms | Tony Flores | Suzanne Ruryk |
| Ivan Davila | John Gilbert | Les Smith |
| James Dorn, Jr. | Deidre Huffman | Kathleen Whitacre |

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, S.C.
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, 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

- 5.27** John Mihalaki
- 5.27** Dominick Palmisano
- 5.27** Jo Gamelli
- 5.29** Giancarlo Carter-Pacheco
- 5.31** Roylando Smith

Those Who Have Died

James Graff, Ruth Graff's husband, dear friend, & fellow parishioner

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

and in Loving Memory of Phil Sinns
Given with Love by Sylvia Sinns

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

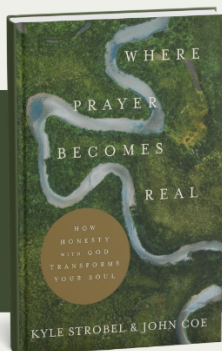
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Office will be closed this **Monday, May 26, 2025**, in observance of Memorial Day. All emails and voicemail messages will be returned on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Jim (352.460.9580).

NEW BOOK STUDY WITH EDDIE RODRIGUEZ (RSVP Required): Eddie Rodriguez invites you to join him for a new Book Study on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Classes will begin on Thursday, June 17, 2025, and run until Thursday, July 29, 2025 (no classes the week of July 4th). The book we will be studying is, Where Prayer Becomes Real-How Honesty with God Transforms Your Soul by authors Kyle Strobel and John Coe and can be purchased through Amazon for about \$11.00 (kindle version available too). Do you ever feel bored, distracted, or discouraged in prayer? We fail to realize that prayer isn't a place for us to be good or right, and it isn't a place for us to perform or prove our worth. It's a place for us to be honest, present, and known—a place for us to offer ourselves and receive God. Throughout this study we will explore how to fearlessly draw near to a holy God, pray without ceasing (and without posturing), and delight in the experience of being fully known and fully loved. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall if you plan to attend and please contact Eddie Rodriguez (407.271.7817 or edrodz2391@gmail.com) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Where Prayer Becomes Real

ADULT BOOK STUDY

Do you ever feel bored, distracted, or discouraged in prayer?
We fail to realize that prayer isn't a place for us to be good or right, and it isn't a place for us to perform or prove our worth. It's a place for us to be **honest, present, and known**—a place for us to offer ourselves and receive God.



*what we'll
be reading!*

Together, we will explore how to:

- Fearlessly draw near to a holy God
- Pray without ceasing (and without posturing)
- Delight in the experience of being fully known and fully loved

Tuesdays | June 17th • June 24th
6:00-8:00 pm | July 8th • July 15th
The Parish Hall | July 22nd • July 29th

No meeting Fourth of July week

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God Transforms Your Soul** by Kyle Strobel and John Coe
can be purchased on Amazon for \$11.00

INTERESTED?

Add your name and contact
information to the sign-up
sheet in the Parish Hall

QUESTIONS?

Contact Eddie Rodriguez:
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407.271.7817

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Once again, the year has flown by and our last class of the year will be this **Sunday, May 25, 2025**, and we will resume on the fourth Sunday in August, Sunday, August 24, 2025. We are making some changes and adjustments for the new year, so please keep your eyes open for those. This Sunday will include a quick classroom lesson and then a little party. What an absolute joy it has been to work with all the kiddos. We continue to count our blessings and all of you among them.

Hugs and blessings, Karen (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com)

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: Adult Sunday School will meet this **Sunday, May 25, 2025, at 11:15 am** in the Choir Room. Please contact Dolores Wilson-Malone (856.625.1515) or Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CHECK PRESENTATION: Cheryl Goodison, the Boys & Girls Club Director of Grants as well as some recipients of the Summer Camp Scholarships will be joining us on **Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 5:30 pm** in the Sanctuary. Please come join us as Fr. Jim presents Cheryl and the children with the check and be sure to join in on the pictures!

HARVEST FESTIVAL PET BLESSING/VENDOR FAIR MEETING: Please join us on **Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall to continue discussions and plans for the Harvest Festival Pet Blessing & Vendor Fair Event. Lots of planning and help is needed to make this event a successful one, so please come out and join us. Please contact Keith Whitacre (952.239.5870) if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS: Classes will meet this **Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 10:30 am** in the Church Office. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

LADIES' LUNCHEON (RSVP Required): All women of the parish and their friends are welcome to join Norma Sweeney for a Dutch-Treat ladies' luncheon this **Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 12:00 noon**, at Applebee's Grill & Bar (2050 State Road 50, Clermont 34711). Please RSVP to Norma Sweeney (516.906.3646 or nsween820@gmail.com) or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to reserve a seat at the table. We look forward to seeing you there!

SINGING SAINTS REHEARSAL: The Singing Saints will meet this **Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 4:00 pm** for fellowship in the Library and at **4:30 PM** in the Choir Room for rehearsal. Please contact Hugh Dial (863.557.8803 or dizzyfingers103@msn.com) if you have any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN: Calling All Explorers! Get ready to pack your backpacks, grab your binoculars, and set off on the ultimate summer adventure! This year, we're going wild with a journey you won't want to miss we will be Exploring the Miracles of Jesus: Desert & Jungle Safaris! From the dusty trails of the desert to the lush, green canopy of the jungle, we'll uncover incredible miracles, discover God's love, and grow in faith together — all while having a blast with games, crafts, music, snacks, and unforgettable stories. **We will be meeting the week of July 14-18, 2025, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, and are accepting rising kindergarteners to sixth graders.** The event is completely **free** for all in the community, and we will also provide lunch for all the children as well. Whether you're a seasoned VBS adventurer or a first-time traveler, we can't wait to see you there. Bring your friends, your energy, and your sense of wonder — this is going to be a summer experience to remember! Please reach out to our Children's Director, Karen Freiberg (freibergs4@aol.com), with any questions.



The registration card features a dashed orange border. At the top left, there is an illustration of binoculars and a palm frond. The title "Exploring THE MIRACLES OF JESUS" is written in a mix of script and bold sans-serif fonts, with "THE MIRACLES OF JESUS" in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, "DESERT & JUNGLE SAFARIS" is written in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, a compass rose is shown. On the right side, the text "Register Today!" is written in a script font, followed by a postage stamp illustration of a camel. Below this, the dates "July 14-18, 2025" and times "9:00 am - 1:00 pm" are listed. The target audience "Rising Kindergarten to Sixth Grade" and the benefit "FREE Lunch Provided" are also listed. At the bottom right, two QR codes are shown, with arrows pointing to them labeled "Registration Form" and "Eventbrite Link". The card is decorated with palm fronds at the bottom right.

Register Today!

July 14-18, 2025
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Rising Kindergarten
to Sixth Grade
FREE Lunch Provided

ST. MATTHIAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration Form
Eventbrite Link

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CRAFTS WORKSHOPS (Volunteers Needed): Please join us in the Parish Hall on **Friday, May 30, 2025, and Saturday, May 31, 2025, anytime between 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Workshop crafts and creations are available for all levels of experience/talent/skill. Don't be shy...come have fun with us!

We need LOTS of newspapers ... LOTS & LOTS! No other recyclables are needed at this point.

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



Craft Workshops

JOIN US AS WE BRING OUR
DESERT & JUNGLE SAFARIS TO
LIFE FOR THIS YEAR'S VBS!

COME ALL DAY OR JUST POP IN
FOR A BIT - ANY & ALL HELP
IS APPRECIATED

CONTACT KAREN FREIBERG
(703) 862-2894
FREIBERGS4@AOL.COM
WITH ANY QUESTIONS

Thank you!

JUNE WORKSHOPS

Thursday, June 5, 2025, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday, June 6, 2025, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 12, 2025, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday, June 13, 2025, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 19, 2025, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday, June 21, 2025, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 26, 2025, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday, June 27, 2025, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday, June 28, 2025, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

↑ All workshops take place
in the Parish Hall

THE LONGEST DAY EVENT: Join Stacy Huntzinger in the Parish Hall on **Friday, June 20, 2025**, anytime between 10:00 am to 4:00 pm to help support the Alzheimer's Association. With your donation of \$10.00, you can make three greeting cards to keep and then stay as long as you like to make additional cards for the church office. All supplies are provided, and all proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association. Contact Stacy Huntzinger (407.810-8971) if you have any questions.

PURSE AUCTION & DESSERT PARTY SAVE-THE-DATE (Volunteers Needed): We are bringing back the Purse Auction and look forward to enjoying an afternoon of fun and fellowship on **Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 2:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please start saving new and nearly new purses to donate to the auction. Additional information will be shared within the next couple of months. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Sturges (631.219.9579 or jsturges3@cfl.rr.com) or Diane Gustafson (407.929.6475 or gdgust@aol.com).

HARVEST FESTIVAL VENDORS: We are looking for vendors for the **Harvest Festival/Pet Blessing on Saturday, October 25, 2025**. If you make and sell items or have a business you would like to promote, we invite you to submit an application and payment to the church office. Applications and details can be found in the cubby holders on the Information Wall in the Parish Hall. We will sell out soon, so book your spot now! Any questions, please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freiberGs4@aol.com).

You can use the following QR Code to access the application and event information.



SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE

| DATE | SERVICE | ATTENDANCE |
|---------|------------------|------------|
| 5.18.25 | 7:45 AM Service | 24 |
| 5.18.25 | 9:30 AM Service | 61 |
| 5.18.25 | 11:15 AM Service | 35 |
| | Total | 120 |
| | Online Views: | 298 |

A/C REPLACEMENT DONATIONS AS OF 5.19.25

Thank you very much for your donations!

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| Goal | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Total Donated | \$18,898.36 |
| Valentine Tea Party Proceeds | \$2,438.61 |
| Shrove Tuesday Proceeds | \$1,541.08 |
| Remaining Goal | \$17,121.95 |

VESTRY MEMBERS

| 2026 | 2027 | 2028 |
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| Sandra Bradshaw <i>Vestry Consultant</i> bradshawsandral@gmail.com Maxine Hylton <i>Jr. Warden</i> maxhyl1@gmail.com Elizabeth Nemeth <i>Vestry Clerk</i> edreis55@gmail.com | Anthony Aloï <i>Technology</i> stolen1101@gmail.com Coleen Cox <i>Sr. Warden</i> <i>Pastoral Care</i> drccoxmcintosh@gmail.com Rod Denslow <i>Welcoming</i> roddenslow@gmail.com | Fred Jones <i>Assistant Jr. Warden</i> 90proofhj@gmail.com Glen Martin <i>Assistant Treasurer</i> <i>Stewardship</i> glenmartin286@gmail.com Eddie Rodriguez <i>Christian Education Liaison</i> <i>Community Integration Coordinator</i> edrodz2391@gmail.com |

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SMAC (St. Matthias Announcements and Classifieds): Our new section of the What's Happening at St. Matthias announcements is a way to help each other buy things, sell things, find things as well as services. If you have something to sell, or looking to buy, or a service to offer or one you're looking for, contact Karen Freiberg (freibergs4@aol.com) with all the pertinent information, and it will be included in our SMAC section.

Let's Talk SMAC

St. Matthias Ads and Classifieds

Supporting & Connecting Our St. Matthias Family!

Please contact Karen Freiberg if you would like to place an advertisement or classified.

FREE ITEM

FREE HP printer e8028 with 2 packages of replacement ink cartridges in color and black.

Contact Jeannine Helm at JHelm33865@gmail.com

FOR SALE

Very sturdy, comfortable "Early American" style rocking chair.

Suitable for living room or nursery. Perfect for rocking babies or grand babies!

Cost: Generous donation to the FIT Program! Contact Cindy Linney at 901.233.8050.

FOR SALE



2013 Ford F-150 Lariat Super Crew pickup truck. Excellent condition, 108K mi. All the bells and whistles plus brand-new tires. I wish I could keep but with kid number three inbound next month, I had to shift the dad mobile to a three-row SUV. \$22,000.00, but will consider reasonable offers. If interested email me at jeff@blumenauerlaw.com or call my cell 813.304.5277.

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