

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, August 16

Church Office 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)
- 11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary

Nursery Care is Available Every Sunday

8:45 am to 12:15 pm in the Sunday School Building

Monday, August 17

- 9:00 AM Count Team Three – Church Office
- 5:00 PM Vestry Meeting – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club – Library
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Tuesday, August 18

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting – Church Office

Wednesday, August 19

- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda – Parish Hall
- 2:00 PM Food Providers of S.L. Meeting – Parish Hall

Thursday, August 20

Fr. Jim – Vacation Day

- 4:00 PM Choir Social Time – Music Room
- 4:15 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room & Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Al-Anon Private Meeting with Claudia – Library
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Friday, August 21

Altar Guild Team Three

Church Office Closed

- 11:00 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office

Saturday, August 22

Church Office Closed

No Events Scheduled Today

Sunday, August 23

Church Office 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 Retirement Reception Meeting – Library
- 11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary

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

and in Celebration of Fanya Jones' Birthday
Given with Love by Fred Jones

and in Celebration of
Donald & Sharon Williams' Wedding Anniversary

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

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Those on Our Prayer List

Immediate & Urgent Prayers

Mother Jane Clark Linda Denslow

Parish Family Continued Prayers

Doreen Asregadoo	Jeannine Helm	Sheila Seale
Renee Babcock	Deidre Huffman	Mary Sturges
Tristen Babcock	Larry Lock	Joe Sturges
Josef Boeni	Anne Luposello	Kayla Taylor
Sandra Bradshaw	Diana Mahoney	Linda Thorp
Esther Catino	Kathy Mahoney	Connie Tracey
Michael Clark	Nadia Mashi	Liane Trainello
Hugh Dial	Imantee Mallay	Sandy Unger
Gerri Engel	Stanley Mallay	Dee Wilson
Sarah Floyd	Lorna Manny	Stuart Wilson
Miranda Foster	Don Manny	Vera Wilson
Michael Giallella	Olive McPherson	Dolores Wilson-Malone
Diane Gustafson	Tracy Morelli	

Family & Friends Continued Prayers

Nathan Allabaugh	Jenna Froehlich	Billy Nelson
Maria Aureliani	Eva Glorigo	Danny Nemeth
Eric Barefoot	Marc Glorigo	Autumn Rose
Anakin Boeni	Wendy Glorigo	Gene Ruryk
Isabel Boeni	Bob Gourley	Suzanne Ruryk
Cooper Coole	Sharon Hess	Denise Thibault Vespa
Morgan DiSilva	Frances LaCroix	Family of Nolan Wells
Cheryl Ferrell	Jennifer Lacroix	Barbara Woodford
John Floyd	Samantha Latham	

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
Noah Froehlich, VP16 War Eagles
Jeremy Linney, U.S. Army, SOCOM, MacDill Air Force Base, FL
Kaitlyn Linney, U.S. Army, Ft. Campbell, KY
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

8.17 Christian Ojeda
8.18 Mary Sturges
8.20 Norma Sweeney

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

8.16 Walter & Alice Randolph
8.20 Bob & Carol Radovich
8.20 Donald & Sharon Williams

Those Who Have Died

Marywynne Shattuck, very dear friend and fellow parishioner

COFFEE MUGS: Thank you for all the incredible coffee mug donations, we are good for now and will let you know if/when we need more. I hope everyone is enjoying their coffee in a different, unique coffee mug each week knowing you are helping St. Matthias be conscientious of the planet and eliminating unnecessary waste. Thank you to everyone for all your support and understanding!

COFFEE HOUR NOTICE: Our Sunday Coffee and Fellowship time continues to grow, and we anticipate it to grow even more once Sunday school is back in session. While we absolutely love seeing everyone enjoying fellowship and many conversations during coffee hour, we do kindly ask that you stay out of the kitchen unless you are there to help. The kitchen is a small space, and when several people are gathered there, it becomes difficult for our coffee hour volunteers to move around and do what they need to do. So please grab your coffee, treats, and friends, and take the fellowship into the Parish Hall, where there is plenty of room to roam, visit, and enjoy one another's company. Thank you for your support and understanding in helping us keep the kitchen clear so our wonderful volunteers can work freely and safely. If you are hanging out in the kitchen, you just might be recruited and asked to pitch in with the dishes and clean up. Please be sure to thank those working in the kitchen each Sunday, because of them, we are all able to enjoy coffee, treats, and time together.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM MINDY: Many thanks for the mugs! Overwhelmed by everyone's generosity and support. Between Peggy's beautiful table and our fun mugs, coffee time is cozier and very delightful!

NAME TAGS: If you are new to St. Matthias or have not yet received a name tag, please contact Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) and she will order one for you. Be sure to include in the email the spelling of your first and last name. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP PAPERWORK: Please contact Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have not yet completed your Parish Member paperwork, and she will email or mail the forms to you. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER PAPERWORK: Please contact Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you are volunteering or would like to start volunteering and have not yet completed the required background check and safeguarding training. This is a Diocesan Requirement – no background check – no volunteering. The Diocese of Central Florida and St. Matthias want to ensure that St. Matthias remains a safe environment for all who worship and visit. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Hope Blume, Coleen Cox, or Glen Martin. Thank you to everyone who has already completed these requirements, we very much appreciate your support and understanding in keeping St. Matthias a safe place!

POPPING FOR A PURPOSE: Our popcorn fundraiser successfully brought in \$1,704.00 which will be used to help offset the church's budget shortfall. Thank you to all who bought popcorn or donated to the cause. You are all very much appreciated! Hugs and blessings, Karen

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Please help me extend heartfelt thanks and a warm welcome to Kessler McClanahan and Kelly Brown for stepping up to co-teach a Sunday School class for our older students - 6th grade and up. I am thrilled beyond measure that we are now able to offer a class especially for our older kiddos. The breakdown now will be Nursery ages 3 months to 3 years, Nicholas Crumbo, Abby Giallela (substitutes Elijah Mathews and Aleksei Bolosano); Preschool (ages 3 & 4) through Kindergarten, Karen Freiberg; 1st-3rd, Kishma Thomas; 4th-5th, Diane Gordon and now introducing 6th and up, Kessler McClanahan and Kelly Brown. Get ready everyone because we can't wait for September 13th to get here. Many plans for the new year are in place along with extended time to spend with all the kiddos. As a reminder, Sunday School resumes September 13, 2026, from 10:30 am - 12:15 pm (or the end of the 11:15 service). We will meet on the second, third, and fourth Sundays of each month unless otherwise noted. Please be sure to GET THOSE REGISTRATION FORMS turned in! Hugs and blessings, Karen (freibergs4@aol.com)

https://stmatthiasfl.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/STM-Sunday-School-Registration-Form_2026.pdf

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS: Please join us **Sundays in the Parish Hall from 10:00 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. Please Contact Peggy Hope (352.988.7525 or rush1937@embarqmail.com) if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome!

VESTRY MEETING: Vestry will meet this **Monday, August 17, 2026, at 5:00 pm** in the Church Office. Please contact Coleen Cox (718.757.4388) or Glen Martin (352.391.0430) if you have any questions.

STAFF MEETING: Staff meeting is this **Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 10:00 am** in the Church Office. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS: Please join Wanda this **Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. Contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Choir practice meets this **Thursday, August 20, 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 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!

IN NEED OF: Sunday School is **in search of a 4-5 drawer vertical filing cabinet and some new/newish bookcases.** If you are downsizing or otherwise needing to get rid of any of these items, and are willing to donate it, we could take it off your hands, just let me know. Karen at freibergs4@aol.com. Thank you so much!

HOPE & HANNAH HELP DESK: The Hope and Hannah Help Desk is available one Sunday each month during fellowship time. This is a great opportunity to receive assistance with Realm Giving, the Realm Directory, completing membership paperwork, background checks, volunteer paperwork, ministry information, directory pictures, and any additional questions you may have. Whether you are new to the church, updating your information, interested in volunteering, or simply need help navigating Realm, Hope and Hannah are happy to assist you. Stop by the help desk on **Sunday, August 30, 2026**, in the Library during fellowship time for friendly support and helpful resources.

SAVE-THE-DATE: Join us on **Friday, September 18, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm** for an evening of delicious food, fun, and fellowship at our **Italian Night!** Enjoy a wonderful selection of authentic Italian dishes and sweet treats, thoughtfully curated by the Mathews and Nembrotti families and friends under the direction of Chef CZ and Chef Lidio. There will be something for everyone, including delicious Italian dinner and dessert, music and fellowship, and a fun craft activity for our younger family members in the library. The cost to attend is \$20.00 per adult and children 12 and under eat for free! Bring your family, invite your friends, and join us for a memorable evening of great food, laughter, and community. More details and ticket information coming soon — save the date today! Please contact Glen Martin (352.391.0430 or glenmartin286@gmail.com) or Fred Jones (407.325.2256 or fjones59@cfl.rr.com) if you have any questions and/or would like to help with the event!

SAVE-THE-DATE: Mark your calendars for our **Church Yard Sale on Friday, October 23, and Saturday, October 24!** Now is the perfect time to start cleaning out your closets, drawers, garage, and office. If you have gently used items that are taking up space and are no longer needed, set them aside to donate to the yard sale. More details about donation dates and times will be shared soon. Thank you for helping make this event a success — we appreciate your generosity and support! Please contact Eddie Rodriguez (407.271.7817 or edrodz2391@gmail.com) if you have any questions and/or would like to help with the event.

HIGHSCHOOL FIT PROGRAM NEEDS (FAMILIES IN TRANSITION): During the Summer visits to check in on Families in Transition, the counselors focus on non-perishable food items, and they always appreciate hotel-sized items. The Families in Transition (FIT) program are in need of 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! **FOOD ITEMS:** *breakfast bars, canned meats, canned Chef Boyardee, individually wrapped items, ramen noodles, shelf stable milk and food.* **HYGEINE ITEMS:** *deodorant, feminine products, soap, toothpaste, wet wipes.*