

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, October 5

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
- 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, October 6

- 9:00 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, October 7

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 6:00 PM Bible Study with Janette Dorn – Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 8

Hope Out of Office – Vacation Day

- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda Klaas – Parish Hall
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Little House (5pm-7pm)

Thursday, October 9

Hope Out of Office – Vacation Day

- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Friday, October 10

Church Offices Closed

- 4:00 PM Singing Saints Fellowship – Library
- 4:30 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 5:00 PM Altar Guild Team Two Set-Up – Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM I Am A Safe Place Meeting – Parish Hall

Saturday, October 11

Church Offices Closed

- 9:00 AM Scrapbooking with Linda – Parish Hall

Sunday, October 12

Sunday School Classes

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

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

and in Loving Memory of
Duane Curtis on his Birthday
Given with Love by Cindi Curtis

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

Immediate & Urgent Prayers

Tristen Babcock	Imantee Mallay	Autumn Rose
Josef Boeni	Stanley Mallay	Joe Sturges
Mother Jane Clark	Nadia Mash	Mary Sturges
Beverly Green	Larry Mobley	Sandy Unger
Olive McPherson	Mark Nethersole	Stuart Wilson

Parish Family Continued Prayers

Harold Andrews	Anne Hollywood	Edna Marcus
Renee Babcock	Anne Luposello	Audrey Nethersole
Rose Brown	John Luposello	Marlene Parkinson
Esther Catino	Diana Mahoney	Sheila Seale
Michael Clark	CZ Mathews	Linda Thorp
Hugh Dial	Elijah Mathews	Connie Tracey
Anita Erickson	Isabella Mathews	Liane Trainello
Miranda Foster	Jackson Mathews	Keith Whitacre
Michael Giallella	Don Manny	Vera Wilson
Jeannine Helm	Lorna Manny	

Family & Friends Continued Prayers

Mindy	Maria Figueroa	Judith Onjango
Nathan Allabaugh	Tony Flores	Richard Payne
Anakin Boeni	John Gilbert	Blanche Pfendler
Isabel Boeni	Deidre Huffman	Sandi Rzepka
Reginald Crooms	Brenda Kelley	Gene Ruryk
Ivan Davila	Frances LaCroix	Suzanne Ruryk
James Dorn, Jr.	Francine Lacroix	Les Smith
Mary Dorn	Una McLachlan	Kishma Thomas
Eyer Family	Eleanore Meade	
Cheryl Ferrell	Danny Nemeth	

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
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

- 10.6** Gloria Taylor
- 10.8** Edna Wilson Marcus
- 10.8** Connie Tracey
- 10.9** Tracy Morelli
- 10.10** Bob Radovich
- 10.11** Jane Boyack
- 10.11** Patricia Treadwell

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 10.6** Peter & Janet Glasz

Those Who Have Died

Clifford Spencer, *Mother Jane Clark's Cousin*

HARVEST FESTIVAL/PET BLESSING EVENT (Volunteers Needed–PLEASE HELP): Our Annual Pet Blessing Event is taking place this month on **Saturday, October 25, 2025**, and we need your help. **We need volunteers to assist in many areas** (some areas require strength and walking, and some require sitting and greeting, so there is a place for everyone to help and volunteer). Sign-up sheets for volunteering are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and each sheet includes the volunteer chair for that section. We also could use donations of *pet treats, cases of bottled water, and monetary donations*. Most importantly we need volunteers to assist with the event planning, leading up to the event, set-up, during the event, and clean-up. Please contact Keith Whitacre if you have any questions (keith.whitacre@gmail.com or 952.239.5870).

HALLOWEEN MONSTER TRUCK RIDE (Reservations & Payment Required): It's your last chance to sign up for the Showcase of Citrus Haunted Monster Truck ride. Gather up your courage and come have some fun with friends . . . wine too, if you choose. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. This could be fun for a group of us to experience together and then maybe a glass of wine before or after or before AND after. I've reserved a whole truck just for us, but it only holds 25 people. Let's have some fun! Come join the fun on **Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 8:00 pm** at Showcase of Citrus (15051 Frank Jerrell Rd, Clermont, FL 34714-9139). Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall if you would like to attend this event. There is space for 25 people, and the cost is \$25.00 per person, **reservation and payment are due to the church no later than this Sunday, October 5, 2025**. You can pay by check or cash (be sure to indicate Haunted Monster Truck Ride), or via our website and choose the Haunted Monster Truck Ride fund. Any questions, please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com).

ENCHANTED FOREST OF TREES (Volunteers Needed): St. Matthias has signed up to participate in the Enchanted Forest of Trees this year at Victory Pointe in downtown Clermont. We will be creating ornaments for the tree on **Sunday, November 2, 2025, after each service**, so be sure to join us in the Parish Hall and Library to help create the ornaments – fun for kids and adults of all ages! Mindy Giallella has generously accepted chairing this Christmas Season event and will need help decorating the tree on **Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall if you would like to join in on the fun! The Enchanted Forest of Trees opens on Saturday November 22, 2025, and runs through January 2, 2026, for viewing. There will be over seventy trees decorated by local organizations and businesses. You can walk on the trail to view, or park at the Clermont Boat House and walk over to Victory Pointe. Be sure to check out the trees in the day and nighttime to get the full effect! Questions, please contact Mindy Giallella (407.222.4540 or allellaigm@gmail.com).

THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT: The Community Outreach Committee has already begun coordinating our Sixteenth Annual Thanksgiving Basket project. This year, if possible, we would like to increase the amount of help we provide from 125 to 150 families in need within our community. As a committee and as a church we know we ask often for help for those in need within our community, and the Thanksgiving Basket project is no exception. Financial support for the project is crucial, and we ask that you give what you can, any amount helps. This year we estimate the cost of each basket being around \$55.00 to \$60.00 which also includes the \$20.00 gift card for the purchase of a turkey, ham, or meat of choice. This year, as in the past couple of years, has brought on many additional challenges for families who were already in need, as well as challenges for families that may not have been in need in the past. We at St. Matthias have always been very blessed and willing to share with those less fortunate. We ask that everyone share what they can to help our neighbors and friends in Christ during this Thanksgiving season. Basket building and distribution will take place at St. Matthias on **Saturday, November 22, 2025. Basket building will take place from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and basket distribution will take place between 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**. We will have two teams for the day, feel free to sign up for the basket building team, the basket distribution team, or both. Volunteer sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please add your name if you would like to volunteer or contact Hope Blume and she will be happy to add your name to the volunteer sign-up sheets (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com).

HIGHSCHOOL FIT PROGRAM BACK TO SCHOOL NEEDS: The Families in Transition (FIT) program is currently in need of the items listed below. If you can help with any of the items listed below, 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 very much for your continued support!

**band-aids · crackers · canned meat · feminine products · hygiene items (any type)
juice boxes · shelf stable milk · wet wipes · leggings (gently used welcomed - any sizes)**

HOPE BLUME ON VACATION: Hope Blume will be out of the office on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, and Thursday, October 9, 2025. All emails will be answered when she returns to the office on Monday, October 13, 2025. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Fr. Jim Dorn (352.394.3855 or jmdorn3@gmail.com).

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are in need of a Sunday School teacher for our 4th-5th grade class. We are growing but our classes are still small with no more than five students when the whole class is in attendance. At present they are learning about the heroes of the Bible, and we have a great resource available to you. If you feel God tugging at you, don't ignore it, instead, let's talk. Reach out to me for more information. Hugs, Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com).

SUNDAY SCHOOL PUMPKIN CARVING: Sunday School pumpkin fun will be taking place on **Sunday, October 26, 2025**, during Sunday School. Each kiddo will be carving his/her own pumpkin to take home. I need 10 more (5 have been promised) pumpkins...not the biggest in size and not the smallest would be wonderful. Please let me know if you can help me out. Thank you in advance. Hugs and blessings to all, Karen Freiberg (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, October 5, 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.

BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING: The Building & Grounds Committee will meet this **Monday, October 6, 2025, at 12:00 pm** in the Church Office to discuss upcoming projects and workdays. Please contact Fred Jones (407.325.2256 fjones59@cfl.rr.com) or Maxine Hylton (305.775.3415 or maxhyl1@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN: Meets this **Tuesday, October 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Janette Dorn (352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com) if you plan to attend or have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS: Class will meet this **Wednesday, October 9, 2025, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

HELLO SINGERS - PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE: Please join Hugh Dial this **Friday, October 10, 2025, at 4:00 pm** in the Library for teatime and at 4:30 pm in the Choir Room and Sanctuary for singing.

I AM A SAFE PLACE MEETING: I Am A Safe Place will meet this **Friday, October 10, 2025, at 5:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. A safe place to talk, a safe place to heal, a safe place to grow, a safe place to connect. Please contact Julia D'Arts (407.491.2999 or info@iamasafeplace.com) if you have any questions.

SCRAPBOOKING WITH LINDA: This **Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, have fun and create cards, scrapbooking pages, and craft projects. Please contact Linda Bullen (352.516.3845 or mamabulle@aol.com) if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
9.28.2025	7:45 AM Service	15
9.28.2025	9:30 AM Service	69
9.28.2025	11:15 AM Service	36
	Total	120
	<i>Online Views:</i>	<i>285</i>

VESTRY MEMBERS

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

STAFF MEMBERS

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Let's Talk SMAC

St. Matthias Ads and Classifieds

Supporting & Connecting Our St. Matthias Family!

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.

IN NEED OF

We are in need of a new or gently used oven to replace the current one in the church kitchen. If you are getting ready to replace your oven, know of someone who is, and/or willing to donate an oven, please contact the church office at 352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com. Thank you!

FOR SALE

ST. MATTHIAS T-SHIRTS: We have a couple of t-shirts available for purchase in the following sizes and designs. These are the only quantities, sizes, and designs currently available for sale.

St. Matthias T-Shirt Design - Adult Sizes – \$10.00 each

1 Adult Large available and 2 Adult Extra Large available

Sunday School T-Shirt Design - Children's Sizes – \$12.00 each

4 Youth Medium available and 2 Youth Large available

These are on a first come first serve basis, please contact Linda Denslow (lindadenslow@gmail.com or 407.923.6423) if you would like to purchase one of the shirts listed above.

FOR SALE



Wednesday Bible Study is selling hot/cold drink cups with all proceeds going to the a/c replacement loan. If you would like to purchase, please contact Anne Hollywood (228.229.6817) or Hugh Dial (863.557.8803). Cost is \$30.00 each and as you can see from the photos, they are beautifully handmade!

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