

## This Week at St. Matthias

### Sunday, October 19

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

### Monday, October 20

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

### Tuesday, October 21

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 4:30 PM Vestry Meeting – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Bible Study with Janette Dorn – Parish Hall

### Wednesday, October 22

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

### Thursday, October 23

- 5:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting – Church Office
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

### Friday, October 24

Parish Hall Closed for Event Set-Up

*Church Offices Closed*

- 11:00 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 12:00 PM Harvest Festival Indoor Vendor Set-Up (12pm-5pm)
- 12:30 PM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 4:00 PM Singing Saints Fellowship – Library
- 4:30 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 6:00 PM Altar Guild Team Four Set-Up – Sanctuary

### Saturday, October 25

*Church Offices Closed*

- 8:00 AM Harvest Festival Set-Up (8am-9:30am)
- 10:00 AM Harvest Festival Event (10am-4pm)
- 10:00 AM Big Red Bus One Blood Drive (10am-1pm)
- 4:00 PM Harvest Festival Clean-Up (4pm-until all cleaned up)

### Sunday, October 26

Sunday School Classes – Pumpkin Carving

Red Bag Sunday

*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

## Those on Our Prayer List

### Immediate & Urgent Prayers

Tristen Babcock	Olive McPherson	Joe Sturges
Josef Boeni	Nadia Mashri	Mary Sturges
Mother Jane Clark	Tracy Morelli	Sandy Unger
Larry Lock	Autumn Rose	Stuart Wilson

### Parish Family Continued Prayers

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

### Family & Friends Continued Prayers

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

- 10.19** Larry Lock
- 10.21** Claudia Seitz-Ricklick
- 10.23** Donald Williams
- 10.23** Sonia Robles
- 10.25** Carrie Borrup
- 10.25** Audrey Nethersole

### Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 10.24** Tom & Elizabeth Nemeth

### Those Who Have Died

Arinald Williams, *Donald Williams' Brother*

**IMPORTANT: PHISHING AWARENESS & PREVENTION:** There has been an increase in phishing attempts via email and phone calls, with scammers posing as St. Matthias Church, Fr. Jim Dorn, or fellow church family members. These messages may appear convincing and may ask for money, gift cards, or personal information. We urge everyone to remain diligent and cautious:

- **Verify the source:** If you receive an unusual request, even if it appears to be from someone you know, **do not respond** or click any links. Contact the person directly using a known and trusted method.
- **Be suspicious of urgency:** Scammers often create a sense of urgency. Take time to think before taking action.
- **Look for inconsistencies:** Check email addresses and phone numbers carefully. Official church communications will always come from verified channels.
- **Never send personal or financial information** via email or text unless you are absolutely sure of the recipient's identity.
- **Never will ask for money:** The church and church committees and groups will never send an email asking for money, items, bank information, and such. All requests for donations are made through our announcements or verbally during Sunday service announcements.

Below are some websites that provide safety measurements and such when it comes to these types of phishing.

<https://episcopalmaine.org/resources/email-scam-prevention/>

<https://ecwo.org/important-phishing-awareness-prevention/>

<https://www.dosp.org/scamprevention/>

If you suspect a phishing attempt, please report it and block the sender from your email or phone contact lists. Stay safe and thank you for your vigilance in protecting our church family and community.

**INFORMATION SESSION: NAVIGATING LONG-TERM CARE: LIVING CHOICES, FINANCING, & CARING (RSVP Required):** Join Coleen Cox for an important informal information session designed to help individuals and families prepare for the future with wisdom and peace of mind. The session will take place on **Sunday, November 23, 2025, at 10:45 am** in the Library. Whether you're planning for your own future or helping to care for a loved one, this session will provide valuable guidance and understanding on living choices, financing, and caring. Let's equip ourselves and our loved ones with the tools and knowledge needed to face the future with faith and confidence. This session is open to five participants, additional sessions will be offered in the future, a sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, please add your name if you would like to attend. Please contact Coleen Cox (718.757.4388 or [drccoxmcintosh@gmail.com](mailto:drccoxmcintosh@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025, at 9:20 AM!  
WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL!!!**

**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 19, 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.

**VESTRY MEETING:** The Vestry will meet this **Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 4:30 pm** in the Office. Please contact Coleen Cox (718.757.4388) or Fr. Jim (352.460.9580) if you have any questions.

**BIBLE STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN:** Meets this **Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Janette Dorn (352.235.5168 or [jmsdorn@gmail.com](mailto:jmsdorn@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend or have any questions.

**BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS:** Class will meet this **Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or [klaas46@yahoo.com](mailto:klaas46@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING:** The Stewardship Committee will meet this **Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 5:30 pm** in the Office. Please contact Glen Martin (352.391.0430 or [glenmartin286@gmail.com](mailto:glenmartin286@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

**HELLO SINGERS - PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE:** Please join Hugh Dial this **Friday, October 24, 2025, at 4:00 pm** in the Library for teatime and at 4:30 pm in the Choir Room and Sanctuary for singing.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL/PET BLESSING EVENT (Volunteers Needed):** Our Annual Pet Blessing Event is taking place this **Saturday, October 25, 2025**, and we need your help. Sign-up sheets for volunteering are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. We also could use donations of *pet treats, cases of bottled water, and monetary donations*. We also need volunteers to assist with set-up and clean-up. ***Please contact Keith Whitacre if you have any questions ([keith.whitacre@gmail.com](mailto:keith.whitacre@gmail.com) or 952.239.5870).***

**BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. MATTHIAS HARVEST FESTIVAL:** Please join the One Blood Big Red Bus on **Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, at St. Matthias Church**. Come out and support this extremely vital cause, donate blood, receive some cool donor gifts, and most importantly, help save many lives! Go to [https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/1573658](https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1573658) to schedule an appointment - walk-ins are also always welcome!

**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](mailto:allellaigm@gmail.com)).***

**THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT (Volunteers Needed):** 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](mailto:hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com)). ***Questions? Please contact Hope Blume.***

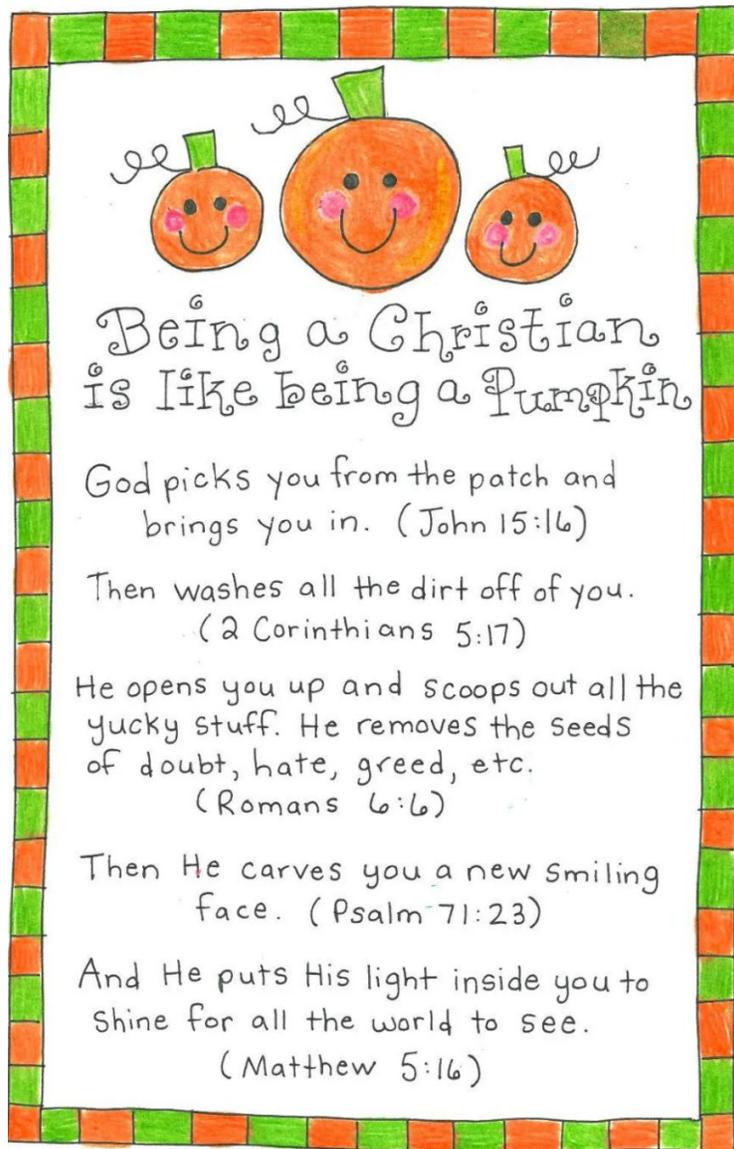


**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER:** We are in need of a Sunday School teacher for our 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade class. We are growing but our classes are still small with no more than five students when the whole class is in attendance. At present they are learning about the heroes of the Bible, and 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:** Parents, if you haven't already, **please let me know if your kiddo/s will be attending Sunday School on Sunday, October 26, 2025, for pumpkin carving.** I need a head count, so I have enough pumpkins. Many thanks to the Stocki, Denslow, Gidden, and Fons families for their donations of pumpkins. We need about five more, if you can help, please let me know.

The carved pumpkins will be going home with the kiddos after church that Sunday but NOT before they show off their talented carving abilities to the church family during fellowship. So, get ready to admire all the pumpkins and compliment all the kiddos. Hugs and blessings to all, Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com).

Did you know we, as Christians, are like being pumpkins? Here's how . . .



Happy Home Fairy

**NURSERY CARE:** Nursery Care is available every Sunday during the 9:30 am and 11:15 am services for all infants and children ages one month to three years old. Abby Giallella and Nicholas Crumbo 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.

**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)**

**SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
10.12.2025	7:45 AM Service	19
10.12.2025	9:30 AM Service	93
10.12.2025	11:15 AM Service	43
	<b>Total</b>	<b>155</b>
	<i>Online Views:</i>	<i>156</i>

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

and in Celebration of Donald Williams' Birthday  
 Given with Love by Sharon Williams

and in Loving Memory of Austin Parkinson  
 Given with Love by Marlene Parkinson

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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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