

This Week at St. Matthias

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

Monday, October 27

9:00 AM Count Team Four – Church Office
1:00 PM Anita Davidson - Organ Practice – Sanctuary
5:00 PM Welcome Committee Meeting – Parish Hall
6:00 PM Community Outreach Meeting – Parish Hall
6:00 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club – Library
7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Tuesday, October 28

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

Wednesday, October 29

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

Thursday, October 30

12:00 PM Ladies' Luncheon – Amore Italian Ristorante
7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Friday, October 31

Church Offices Closed

1:00 PM Altar Guild Team One Set-Up – Sanctuary Singing
4:00 PM Saints Fellowship – Library
4:30 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room

Saturday, November 1

Church Offices Closed

9:00 AM Stacy's Stamping Camp – Parish Hall

Sunday, November 2

Church Offices Closed

7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word Service – Sanctuary
9:30 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
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11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
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11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Choir Room

SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
10.19.2025	7:45 AM Service	19
10.19.2025	9:30 AM Service	63
10.19.2025	11:15 AM Service	34
	Total	116

Those on Our Prayer List

Immediate & Urgent Prayers

Tristen Babcock	Brenda Kelley	Autumn Rose
Josef Boeni	Larry Lock	Joe Sturges
Mother Jane Clark	Olive McPherson	Mary Sturges
Connie Gamb	Nadia Mashi	Sandy Unger
Hugh Dial	Tracy Morelli	Stuart Wilson

Parish Family Continued Prayers

Harold Andrews	Anne Luposello	Edna Marcus
Renee Babcock	John Luposello	Audrey Nethersole
Rose Brown	Diana Mahoney	Mark Nethersole
Esther Catino	Imantee Mallay	Marlene Parkinson
Michael Clark	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
Anne Hollywood	Lorna Manny	

Family & Friends Continued Prayers

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

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

10.27 Anne Luposello
10.29 Rigoberto Valle

Those Who Have Passed

Blanche Pfendler, *Rod Denslow's Sister*

A NOTE FROM FR. JIM: While we have been very blessed to have had Hugh as our Organist and Choirmaster for 25 years and delighted that he will continue to be our friend and parishioner, we are pleased to announce Gina Mobley as our next Minister of Music at St. Matthias Church. Gina has a deep love for sacred music, years of experience directing adult, youth, and children's choirs, and has taught music at Mount Verde Academy. Gina is eager to contribute to our spiritual life by bringing her touch, spirit, and love of music to our worship services. Gina is excited about learning more about and upholding the Episcopal/Anglican musical tradition, which includes learning to play the organ, while fostering inclusivity and creativity in worship. Gina desires to inspire us to connect more deeply with our faith through music. Gina's official first day will be on Monday, December 1, 2025. Please join us as we warmly welcome Gina into her new position at St. Matthias!

RED BAG SUNDAY: Please consider taking a bag this Sunday (or an envelope for a monetary donation) and filling it with a few of the items needed at the Neighborhood Center of South Lake. Red bags, monetary donation envelopes, and lists of needed items can be found at our Neighborhood Center Kiosk at the back of the church. These items help support the work of the Neighborhood Center of South Lake as they care for those in need within our community. Your participation is very much appreciated. Please contact Keith Whitacre (952.239.5870 or keith.whitacre@gmail.com) or Peggy Hope (352.429.9778 or rush1937@embarqmail.com) if you have any questions. A big thank you to Keith and Karen Whitacre for their generous donation of red bags!

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 SCHOOL IS THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025, at 9:20 AM!
PUMPKIN CARVING!!!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER (Volunteer Needed): We need 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).

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.

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us): 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 (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us): Adult Sunday School will meet this **Sunday, October 26, 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.

WELCOME COMMITTEE MEETING (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us): The Welcome Committee will meet this **Monday, October 27, 2025, at 5:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please bring thoughts and ideas to share! Please contact Rod or Linda Denslow (lindadenslow@gmail.com or 407.923.6423) if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us): The Community Outreach Committee will meet this **Monday, October 27, 2025, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com or 352.394.3855) if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome to attend!

BIBLE STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us): Bible Study class will meet this **Tuesday, October 28, 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 (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us): Bible Study class will meet this **Wednesday, October 29, 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.

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 **Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 12:00 pm**, at Amore Italian Ristorante (2608 S Hwy 27 Suite 100, 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!

HELLO SINGERS - PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE (All Singers Welcome to Join Us): Please join Hugh Dial this **Friday, October 31, 2025, at 4:00 pm** in the Library for teatime and at 4:30 pm in the Choir Room and Sanctuary for singing.

STACY'S STAMPING CAMP (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us): Please contact Stacy Huntzinger at stampinstacy2010@hotmail.com if you would like to attend Stacy's Stamping Camp on **Saturday, November 1, 2025, at 9:00 am** in the Parish Hall. Come out and join in on the fun – All are welcome!

YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED TO 

Hugh's Retirement Reception  



Celebrating **25 Years of Service**
as St. Matthias' Organist & Choir Master



After years of keeping us in perfect harmony, our beloved organist is retiring – and we're pulling out all the stops!

Join us in celebrating the incredible music, memories, and ministry of Hugh, whose talent has inspired generations of worshipers.

Sunday, November 16, 2025
11:00 am | The Parish Hall

There will be one service at 10:00 am with the reception following immediately after.

Please bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share during the reception.



Thank you, Hugh, for making our hearts sing!

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, we increased 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, 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). **Questions? Please contact Hope Blume.**

The Plan:

- All 150 families will be provided with a food basket.
- All 150 families will be given a gift card in the amount of \$20.00 to purchase a turkey, ham, or meat of their choice.
- All food items for the baskets will be ordered and/or purchased ahead of time through Kroger.
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How to Give:

Envelopes for monetary donations are available at the back of the church, in the pewholders, in the Parish Hall, and at the Welcome Table. The donations will be used to purchase gift certificates and food items for the baskets.

You may drop in the offering plate, mail a check to the church office (528 West Montrose Street, Clermont, FL 34711) and note in the memo line that it is for the Thanksgiving Basket project, or give a donation via online

Information for online giving can be found on St. Matthias' website:

<https://stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving/>

Please use the following link for online giving:

<https://onrealm.org/StMatthiasEpisc37600/Give>

Thank you for your continued support of the Thanksgiving Basket Program!

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) if you have any questions.

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.

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

and in Celebration of
Rigoberto Valle's Birthday
Given with Love by Aleksei Bolanos-Valle

and in Loving Memory of
Jason Mathews on his Birthday
Given with Love by the Blume Family

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

and in Celebration of
Rigoberto Valle's Birthday
Given with Love by Aleksei Bolanos-Valle

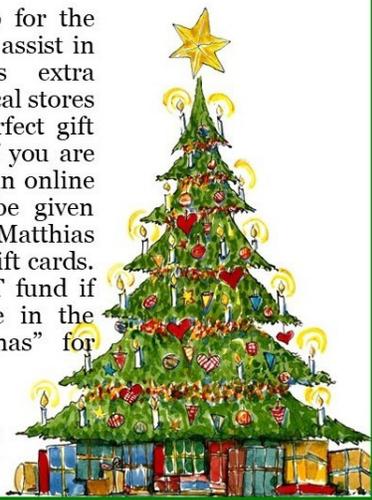
and in Loving Memory of
Jason Mathews on his Birthday
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Christmas Giving for Families In Transition High School Students

For the last few years we have been able to provide many Christmas gifts for our local Homeless High School Students who are a part of the Lake County School's Families in Transition program (FIT). These are the same students we have been helping provide food and personal hygiene items to throughout the year and we would once again like to extend our help in providing Christmas gifts.

High School aged students are typically the age group that is forgotten or hardest to provide for during the holidays and we want to help make a change and spread some Christmas cheer to these well-deserving young men and women.

If you are unable to shop for the students but would like to assist in making their Christmas extra special, gift cards to any local stores or restaurants make a perfect gift for students of this age. If you are unable to get a gift card, an online donation or check may be given and made payable to St. Matthias and we will purchase the gift cards. Be sure to choose the FIT fund if donating online and note in the memo line "FIT Christmas" for check donations.



Additional information pertaining to this important initiative is provided on the back side.

Gifts Due to the Church by Tuesday, December 2nd

Christmas collection boxes will be located in the Parish Hall and the Church Sanctuary where you can place your unwrapped gifts.

Please contact Co-Chairs, Hope Blume & Janette Dorn, or the Church office if you have any questions or concerns.

Hope: 352.978.6511 or hopeblume@gmail.com
Janette: 352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com

Please remember we are collecting for High School aged students only.



2025 UPDATED

Christmas Gift List

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| Card Games | Body Sprays |
| Candy/Snack Gift Sets | Jewelry |
| Ear Buds | Make-Up Kits |
| Nail Polish Kits | Body Lotions |
| Holiday Socks | Perfumes |
| Hoodies | Axe Body Spray |
| Solar Powered Chargers | |
| Charging Pads / Portable Chargers for Cell phones | |
| Gift Cards to the Following Restaurants or Stores: | |
| McDonalds • Chick-Fil-A • Sonic | |
| Culvers • Subway • Jersey Mikes | |
| Amazon • Dollar General • Target • Walmart | |

Holiday Craft Show

November 8, 2025 9-2:00

Heritage Hills

3195 Heritage Hills Blvd.,
Clermont, FL

Open to the
Public

FREE ENTRY
OVER 50 VENDORS



CRAFT FAIR

Lakes of Mount Dora CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 15, 2025

9:00am – 2:00pm

8506 Lakes of Mt. Dora Blvd.

- Over 50 tables of Unique, and one-of-a-kind hand-crafted items by local artisans
- Breakfast & Lunch items for sale
- Huge Bake Sale!
- Start your holiday shopping early!
- A fun & festive event!

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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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