This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, November 8
Church Office Closed
Altar Guild Team Two
Sunday School Classes
Big Red Bus Blood Drive
9:00 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
9:00 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
9:00 AM Blood Drive – In Front of Church Office (9am-2pm)
10:00 AM Coffee & Birthday Cake – Parish Hall
Happy 104th Birthday, Vera Wilson!
10:30 AM Sunday School Classes – Sunday School Building
11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Music Room
Nursery Care Available
8:45 am to 12:15 pm in the Sunday School Building

Monday, November 9
9:00 AM Count Team Two – Church Office
1:30 PM Care Ministry Team Meeting – Church Office
3:00 PM Thanksgiving Basket Registration – Parish Hall
6:00 PM Al-Anon Book Club – Sunday School Building
7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Sunday School Building

Tuesday, November 10
9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
11:00 AM Finance Team Meeting – Church Office
4:15 PM Curious Minds Science – Sunday School Building
5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Counseling Office (5pm-7pm)

Wednesday, November 11
Church Office Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day
10:00 AM VBS Fundraiser – Honey Baked Ham Store
(Clermont Location – 10:00 am to 6:00 pm)
10:30 AM Wednesday Bible Study – Parish Hall

Thursday, November 12
Church Office Closed – Hope Blume Vacation Day
5:00 PM Search Committee Meeting – Church Office
7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Friday, November 13
Church Office Closed
No Events Scheduled for Today

Saturday, November 14
Church Office Closed
9:00 AM Scrapbooking with Linda – Church Office

Sunday, November 15
Church Office Closed
Altar Guild Team Three
Sunday School Classes
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
10:30 AM Sunday School Classes – Sunday School Building
11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Music Room
Nursery Care is Available Every Sunday
8:45 am to 12:15 pm in the Sunday School Building

Those on Our Prayer List

Immediate & Urgent Prayers
Bob Adkins
Linda Adkins
Josef Boeni
Mother Jane Clark
Art Culberson
Rod Denslow
Hugh Dial
Bibbi Farashian
Ann Forehand
Miranda Foster
April Milliner
Lidio Nembrotti

Parish Family Continued Prayers
Doreen Asregadoo
Nancy Boyer
Sandra Bradshaw
Reta Bramwell
Esther Catino
Michael Clark
Cheryl Ferrell
Michael Giallella
Diane Gustafson
Wanda Klaas
Larry Lock
Anne Luposello
Diana Mahoney
Kathy Mahoney
Nadia Mashi
Imantee Mallay
Stanley Mallay
Lorna Manny
Don Manny
Olive McPherson
Tracy Morelli
Sheila Seale
Joe Sturges
Mary Sturges
Kayla Taylor
Linda Thorp
Connie Tracey
Rigoberto Valle
Stuart Wilson
Vera Wilson
Dolores Wilson-Malone

Family & Friends Continued Prayers
James
Nathan Allabaugh
Eric Barefoot
Anakin Boeni
Isabel Boeni
Cooper Coole
Morgan DaSilva
Denslow Family
Chol Faust
John Floyd
Bob Gourley
Sharon Hess
Carissa Latham
Samantha Latham
Billy Nelson
Danny Nemeth
Ezra Perez
Perez Family
Gene Ruryk
Suzanne Ruryk
Darren Trevino
Dorothy Williams

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
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
11.11 Vera Wilson
11.12 Henry Reid
11.13 Kathleen Ridenour
11.13 Cody McClanahan
11.14 Sheila Seale

Those Celebrating Anniversaries
11.7 Arthur & Phyllis Foster
11.10 Mitchell & Melissa Stocki
11.11 Christian & Anastasia Ojeda

Those Who Have Died
Martin Cox, *Coleen Cox's cousin*
Bruce Dunagan, *dear friend of Anne Hollwood*
Marie Romano, *Stephanie Engel's aunt*
Angella Simon, *Coleen Cox's cousin*

SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
11.1.26	9:00 am Service	60
11.1.26	11:15 am Service	57
	Total	**117**

RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Rector Search Committee met on Thursday October 29, 2026, and formed several subcommittees to share the work ahead and guide our search for a new rector.

We are pleased to share that the Vestry has approved funding for a parish-wide survey conducted by Holy Cow Consulting. Over the next few weeks, we will work with Holy Cow to tailor the survey to St. Matthias. Once it is ready, we will announce the start date several times and well in advance.

When the survey opens, you will receive it by email, and paper copies will be available for anyone who prefers them. The survey will remain open for several weeks so that everyone has a chance to take part. Your voice matters in this process, and we hope every member of our parish family will participate.

Please keep the Search Committee in your prayers as we continue this work leading up to our next meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2026.

— Jeff Blumenauer, Chair, Rector Search Committee

THANKFUL SUNDAY: Sunday, November 22, 2026, will be a day of Thanksgiving where we will have the opportunity to lift prayers for all that we are thankful for. If you would like to share what you are thankful for and have it read during the Prayers of the People, please fill out a Thankful Sunday form included in your bulletin as well as located at the back of the church and **drop in the basket located at the back of the Church or return to the Church Office no later than next Sunday, November 15, 2026**. Please be sure to print clearly. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions.

A TIME TO GIVE THANKS! Speaking of things to be thankful for, we have so much to appreciate about our incredible church family! Please join us on **Sunday, November 22, 2026, in the Parish Hall** between the services for a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration. We look forward to celebrating YOU and expressing our heartfelt gratitude for the countless hours of hard work, dedication, and love you share with our church family and our community. Your willingness to serve makes a difference, and we are truly blessed by each and every one of you! We hope to see you there!

A GIANT THANK YOU: A huge, gigantic thank you to everyone who coordinated, sorted, priced, cleaned, grilled hotdogs and burgers, worked throughout the days of the event, helped pack up, clean up, donated items, shopped for new items, and everything from start to finish, and all in-between! This was truly a team effort chaired by Eddie Rodriguez, Norma Sweeney, Angela Smith, and Peggy Hope. We cannot thank ALL our volunteers enough for all the long days (and nights), hard work, and dedication in making this year's Yard Sale a HUGE success! Everyone's donations and efforts paid off as we raised $4,591.34! First item to benefit from this huge success is the final payment to the Diocese for our A/C Loan!!! We cannot thank the church family and all the church family volunteers for working together and making this incredible event so successful. Rest up and start saving your items for next year's Yard Sale as we are planning to make this an annual event! Thank you!

THE BIG RED BUS IS HERE TODAY: Come help save lives this **Sunday, November 8, 2026, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm,** in front of the St. Matthias Church Office. Appointments can be made using the following link: https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1813414 and walk-ins are welcome! Every two seconds someone needs a blood transfusion! Please come out and donate, receive some cool donor gifts, and most importantly, help save many lives. Each donation helps save up to three lives! Thank you for your support in this life-saving program! **Walk-ins are also very welcome!**

WELCOME: Please warmly welcome The Rt. Rev. William Jay Lambert III as he celebrates and worships with us today! Bishop Jay will be our long-term Supply Priest throughout our search process for a new rector. We are excited to worship together again this Sunday, November 8, 2026!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY: Please join us this **Sunday, November 8, 2026, in the Sunday School Building at 10:30 am** for a fun and fabulous time learning, singing, and worshiping together! Please contact Karen Freiberg, our Children's Ministries Coordinator, (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

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!

Please join us this Sunday during Coffee & Conversations for a special birthday cake and celebration. Our very dear, sweet friend and long-time church family member, Vera E. Kirkland Wilson is turning 104 years young! Congratulations, Vera! We all love you so very much and wish you a very, very happy, happy 104th birthday!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Sunday School meets this **Sunday, November 8, 2026, at 11:15 am** in the Music Room. Please contact Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

CARE MINISTRY & THOSE WANTING TO VISIT CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS MEETING: Care Ministry will meet this **Monday, November 9, 2026, at 1:30 pm** in the Church Office. This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to visit church family members who are homebound, in the hospital, rehabilitation facilities, or assisted living homes to join us and help create a schedule of visitations and learn more about the Care Ministry. Please contact Kathy Mahoney (321.200.7032) or Maxine Hylton (305.775.3415 if you have any questions).

THANKGIVING BASKET REGISTRATION: Registration for Thanksgiving Baskets will take place this **Monday, November 9, 2026, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall or email Hope Blume if you would like to volunteer. We are in need of bilingual speaking volunteers too. If you speak Spanish and are able to assist, we would greatly appreciate your assistance. Please contact Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Finance Committee will meet this **Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 11:00 am** in the Church Office. Please contact Glen Martin (352.391.0430 or glenmartin286@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Office will be closed this **Wednesday, November 11, 2026**, in observance of Veteran's Day and will also be closed this **Thursday, November 12, 2026,** while Hope Blume takes a vacation day. All emails and voicemails will be returned on Monday, November 16, 2026. Please contact Coleen Cox, Glen Martin, or Hope Blume if you have a pastoral emergency.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study meets this **Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

VBS FUNDRAISER – THIS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026 – THE HONEY BAKED HAM STORE IN CLERMONT: Eat in or take out. VBS is picking up steam for this summer starting with this fundraising event. It takes a village to make VBS happen and money too. Please bring your appetite to the Honey Baked Ham store and enjoy their yummy offerings. A flyer is included in the bulletin and weekly announcements. Give a copy to family and friends and bring it to the store for us to receive a portion of your total bill. Thank you for your support! Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

SEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING: The Search Committee will meet this **Thursday, November 12, 2026, at 5:00 pm** in the Church Office. Please contact Jeff Blumenauer (jeff@blumenauerlaw.com) if you have any questions.

MEN'S LUNCHEON: Brothers, It's that time again! However, this month, the second Wednesday of the month falls on Veteran's Day, a Federal Holiday. To allow you to participate in any of the observances we will enjoy our luncheon together on the third Wednesday of this month on **November 18, 2026, at 12:00 noon** at the Olive Garden in Clermont. Be there or be square and be prepared for a great conversation with some good guys! Please RSVP (407.267.2312 or homeswithmatthew@gmail.com). See you there, Matt Mobley

UPCOMING USHER MEETING: Glen Martin will be holding an Instructional Ushers' meeting on **Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 10:00 am** in the Sanctuary. If you are already an Usher or would like to become one, please mark your calendars and plan to attend the meeting as there will be information shared including some changes to how we usher for communion. Please contact Glen Martin (352.391.0430 or glenmartin286@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

CHURCH FAMILY FUN DAY: Mark your calendars, my friends. On **Sunday, December 6, 2026**, we will have a church family fun day between services celebrating St. Nicholas. More information to follow.

EUCHARISTIC VISITORS & CARE MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need to increase our number of Care Ministry Volunteers and Eucharistic Visitors, especially during this time of transition. If you are interested in visiting St. Matthias family members that find themselves in the hospital, a rehabilitation facility, an assisted living facility, or unable to leave their home, please contact Hope Blume. We are looking for caring hearts and good listeners. The visits do not need to be long, even just a quick pop-in will let our loved ones know we are thinking of them, praying for them, and loving them. Please take time to pray and consider being a part of this vital ministry. Thank you! Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com)

COOKBOOK: Recipes are coming in slowly but surely. Be sure to drop me an email (freibergs4@aol.com) with some of your favorites or someone else's favorites. It doesn't matter. You can also drop it in my Sunday School mailbox in the library. Hugs and blessings, Karen (freibergs4@aol.com or 703.862.2894)

HIGHSCHOOL FIT (FAMILIES IN TRANSITION) PROGRAM NEEDS: If you can help with any of these needed items, please place them in the red rolling bin in the Parish Hall. Breakfast bars, canned meats, canned Chef Boyardee, individually wrapped items, ramen noodles, shelf stable milk and food, deodorant, feminine products, soap, toothpaste, and wet wipes. Thank you very much for your continued support!

THANKSGIVING BASKET PROGRAM: This year marks our SEVENTEENTH year of providing Thanksgiving Baskets to families in need within our community. This year we will provide 150 families with a Thanksgiving basket, and the estimated cost of each basket is around $60.00 to $65.00 which also includes a $20.00 gift card for the purchase of a turkey, ham, or meat of choice. 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. Thank you for your continued support of the Thanksgiving Basket Program! Please contact Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions.

The Plan:

- Basket building and distribution will take place at St. Matthias on Saturday, November 21, 2026.
- **Basket building will take place from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Friday, November 20th and basket distribution will take place between 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm on Saturday, November 21st. Feel free to sign up for the basket building team, the basket distribution team, or both.**
- Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted soon.

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 plate offering, 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

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Sunday, November 8

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