

## This Week at St. Matthias

### Sunday, November 16

One Service this Sunday

Sunday School Classes

Hugh Dial's Retirement Celebration & Reception

Church Offices Closed

- 9:50 AM Sunday School Classes – Little House
- 10:00 AM Rite II Service with Music & Choir – Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Nursery Care – Little House
- 10:00 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 11:00 AM Reception in Honor of Hugh Dial – Parish Hall

### Monday, November 17

Parish Hall Closed for Thanksgiving Basket Project

- 9:00 AM Count Team Three – Church Office
- 11:00 AM Thanksgiving Basket Boxes – Library
- 11:30 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 6:00 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club – Little House
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House

### Tuesday, November 18

Parish Hall Closed for Thanksgiving Basket Project

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

### Wednesday, November 19

Parish Hall Closed for Thanksgiving Basket Project

Hope Blume Out of Office

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda Klaas – Church Office
- 12:00 PM Ladies' Luncheon – Cheeser's Palace Café
- 2:00 PM Food Providers of S.L. Meeting – Little House
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Little House (5pm-7pm)

### Thursday, November 20

Parish Hall Closed for Thanksgiving Basket Project

- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House

### Friday, November 21

Parish Hall Closed for Thanksgiving Basket Project

Church Offices Closed

- 9:30 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 11:00 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 4:00 PM Singing Saints Fellowship – Choir Room
- 4:30 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 6:00 PM Altar Guild Team Four Set Up – Sanctuary

### Saturday, November 22

Church Offices Closed

- 9:00 AM Christmas Tree Decorating – Victory Pointe
- 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Basket Building – Parish Hall
- 10:30 AM Thanksgiving Basket Distribution – Parish Hall
- 12:00 PM Post-Events Fellowship – Parish Hall

### Sunday, November 23

Thankful Sunday

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

## Those on Our Prayer List

### Immediate & Urgent Prayers

Jeannine Helm	John Luposello	Kayla Taylor
Deidre Huffman	Nadia Mashi	Sandy Unger
Brenda Kelley	Felicidad Robinson	
Larry Lock	Joe Sturges	

### Parish Family Continued Prayers

Renee Babcock	Michael Giallella	Edna Marcus
Tristen Babcock	Beverly Green	Olive McPherson
Josef Boeni	Anne Hollywood	Tracy Morelli
Rose Brown	Anne Luposello	Mark Nethersole
Esther Catino	Diana Mahoney	Sheila Seale
Michael Clark	Imantee Mallay	Mary Sturges
Mother Jane Clark	Stanley Mallay	Linda Thorp
Hugh Dial	CZ Mathews	Connie Tracey
Anita Erickson	Elijah Mathews	Liane Trainello
Robert Eyer	Isabella Mathews	Stuart Wilson
Miranda Foster	Jackson Mathews	Vera Wilson
Connie Gamb	Don Manny	

### Family & Friends Continued Prayers

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

### 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

**11.16** Hope Martin  
**11.16** Jo Carol Kelly  
**11.18** Karen Freiberg  
**11.18** Anne Hollywood  
**11.22** Fred Jones

### Those Celebrating Anniversaries

**11.20** Joe & Mary Sturges  
**11.20** Syl & Suzanne Ludwic

### Those Who Have Passed

Harold Andrews, *dear friend and fellow parishioner*  
Anne Persaud-Williams, *dear friend of Doreen Asregadoo*

**THE LEGEND IS RETIRING:** This Sunday, we joyfully give thanks to Hugh, our beloved organist, choir director, and cherished friend, who is retiring after 25 years of faithful service at St. Matthias. Throughout the years, Hugh has shared his incredible musical gifts by leading our choir, uplifting our worship, and filling our sanctuary with songs of praise. His music has touched our hearts and strengthened our faith in countless ways. As Hugh begins this new chapter, we celebrate his dedication, creativity, and friendship, and we give thanks for the many ways he has enriched our lives. Please join us in wishing Hugh every blessing in his retirement. May this next season be filled with peace, joy, and all the beautiful melodies life still has in store.

Following today's service, please join us in the Parish Hall for a reception in Hugh's honor. We also invite you to sign the photo of Hugh and leave him a note of gratitude for his years of service.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025, at 9:50 AM!  
COME JOIN THE FUN!**

**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.

**PARISH HALL CLOSED:** The Parish Hall is closed this week (**November 17 to November 22**) due to the Thanksgiving Basket project. Please be sure to look at the "This Week at St. Matthias" to see where your groups and committees have been scheduled to meet this coming week. Please contact the Church Office if you have any questions.

**THANKSGIVING BASKET BOXES:** We need about five volunteers to help put the cardboard boxes together this **Monday, November 17, 2025, at 11:00 am** in the Library. If you have time to share in helping tape the boxes together, we would greatly appreciate your help. Please contact Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions. Thank you!

**THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD DELIVERY:** Kroger will be delivering the food items needed for our Thanksgiving Baskets this **Tuesday, November 18, 2025, between 9:00 am to 10:00 am**. If you have some time to give and help unload and sort the food items, we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions. Thank you!

**VESTRY MEETING:** Vestry will meet this **Tuesday, November 18, 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.

**ADVENT STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us):** Please join Janette Dorn on Tuesday evenings beginning this **Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm** for an Advent Study. The first class will meet in the Church Office, and the following classes will meet in the Parish Hall. Classes will meet every Tuesday at 6:00 pm from November 18 to December 16, 2025. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall and contact Janette Dorn (352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

**BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us):** Bible Study class will meet this **Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 10:30 am** in the Church Office. 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 **Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 12:00 pm**, at Cheeser's Palace Cafe (707 West Montrose Street, Clermont 34711). Please RSVP to Norma Sweeney (516.906.3646 or nsween820@gmail.com) to reserve a seat at the table. We look forward to seeing you there!

**FOOD PROVIDERS OF SOUTH LAKE MEETING:** Will meet this **Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 2:00 pm** in the Little House. Please contact Keith Whitacre (952.239.5870) if you have any questions.

**HELLO SINGERS - PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE (All Singers Welcome to Join Us):** Please join Hugh Dial this **Friday, November 21, 2025, at 4:00 pm** in the Choir Room for teatime and at 4:30 pm in the Choir Room and Sanctuary for singing.

**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 need help decorating the tree this **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 the evening of 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! Please contact Mindy Giallella (407.222.4540 or allellaigm@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT:** Basket building and distribution will take place at St. Matthias this **Saturday, November 22, 2025**. Basket building will take place from 9:00 am to 10:30 am and basket distribution will take place between 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, followed by a post-event fellowship in the Parish Hall. Questions? Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com).

**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. 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!***

**SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION:** We are adding service projects to our children's program. Our first will be helping to stuff bags for the Sock Ministry. Many of the kiddos have been learning about the Heros of the Bible. This service project will help them see how easy it is for them to be a hero in someone's life, and it will generate a variety of conversations, learning, and teaching opportunities.

During November we will also be collecting Toys for Tots. One of our students, Katharine Giddens, a second grader, has taken on this responsibility for the Rainbow Girls group she belongs to. We will be asking our children to donate an unwrapped toy by November 30, 2025. All parishioners are welcome to participate too if you would like to donate a toy. A box for the toys is located in the Sunday School building (also known as the Little House). Future service projects are in the planning stages.

I appreciate all the love and interest you, our church family, has for our kiddos and the children's program. We have a tremendous Sunday School team, all of whom love what they do and adore the kiddos. It is a thrill to watch and a blessing to be a part of. Come join us! I'm in need of another teacher and would love to share this enormous blessing with you. Hugs and blessings, Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com).

**HIGHSCHOOL FIT PROGRAM 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**

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
11.9.2025	7:45 AM Service	20
11.9.2025	9:30 AM Service	85
11.9.2025	11:15 AM Service	27
	<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>
	Online Views	230

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

and in Celebration, Honor, and Loving Appreciation  
of Our Legendary Organist, Hugh D. Dial, Jr.  
for His Twenty-Five Years of Dedication to Beautiful Music  
and Keeping Us Imperfect Singers in Perfect Harmony  
Given with Love by The St. Matthias Family

and in Celebration & Thanksgiving of  
Joe & Mary Sturges' Wedding Anniversary

and in Loving Memory of Marcelle LeCavalier  
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and in Loving Memory of  
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**The Sanctuary Candle is given to the  
Glory of God & St. Matthias Church**

and in Celebration of  
Joe & Mary Sturges' Wedding Anniversary

**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**

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

# 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 SEARCH OF - IN NEED

We are moving and are in desperate need of **boxes** in a variety of sizes. Please leave any you want to get rid of in the Library for us. Thank you so much!! Hugs and Blessings, Karen and Dave Freiberg

## IN NEED OF

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

## FOR SALE

Twin Daybed with Trundle, Metal Twin Size Daybed with Pullout Trundle on Casters. Comes with cover, pillow shams, and sheets. Must pick up. \$75.00. Contact Maxine Hylton at maxhyl1@gmail.com if you are interested and/or have any questions.



## 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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