

## This Week at St. Matthias

### Sunday, December 7

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday School Classes

Angel Tree Gifts Due to the Parish Hall

Church Offices Closed

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word Service – Sanctuary
- 8:30 AM Angel Tree Gift Drop-Off – Parish Hall
- 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
- 10:30 AM Angel Tree Gift Drop-Off – 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, December 8

Parish Hall Closed – Angel Tree

- 9:00 AM Count Team Two – Church Office
- 1:30 PM Care Ministry Meeting – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club – Library
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

### Tuesday, December 9

Parish Hall Closed – Angel Tree

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting – Church Office  
*(the office will be closed during the meeting)*
- 11:00 AM Finance Meeting – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Advent Study with Janette Dorn – Church Office

### Wednesday, December 10

Parish Hall Closed – Angel Tree

- 8:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda Klaas – Church Office
- 12:00 PM Men's Lunch – Applebee's Grill & Bar, Clermont
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Little House (5pm-7pm)
- 6:00 PM Blue Christmas Service – Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Nursery Care – Little House

### Thursday, December 11

Parish Hall Closed – Angel Tree

- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

### Friday, December 12

Church Offices Closed

Parish Hall Closed – Angel Tree

- 1:00 PM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 4:00 PM Singing Saints' Fellowship – Choir Room
- 4:30 PM Singing Saints' Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM Altar Guild Team Two Set Up – Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM I Am A Safe Place Meeting – Church Office

### Saturday, December 13

Church Offices Closed

Parish Hall Closed – Angel Tree Distribution

- 9:00 AM Angel Tree Distribution – Parish Hall

### Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Josef Boeni

Mary Sturges

### Parish Family Continued Prayers

Tristen Babcock

Anne Hollywood

Edna Marcus

Rose Brown

Deidre Huffman

Olive McPherson

Esther Catino

Larry Lock

Tracy Morelli

Mother Jane Clark

Anne Luposello

Mark Nethersole

Michael Clark

Diana Mahoney

Sheila Seale

Hugh Dial

Imantee Mallay

Joe Sturges

Anita Erickson

Stanley Mallay

Kayla Taylor

Robert Eyer

Nadia Mashi

Linda Thorp

Miranda Foster

CZ Mathews

Connie Tracey

Connie Gamb

Elijah Mathews

Liane Trainello

Michael Giallella

Isabella Mathews

Sandy Unger

Beverly Green

Jackson Mathews

Stuart Wilson

Jeannine Helm

Don Manny

Vera Wilson

### Family & Friends Continued Prayers

Mindy

Eyer Family

Eleanore Meade

Nathan Allabaugh

Cheryl Ferrell

Danny Nemeth

Anakin Boeni

Maria Figueroa

Felicidad Robinson

Isabel Boeni

Tony Flores

Autumn Rose

Danielle Chavez

John Gilbert

Sandi Rzepka

Deena Chavez

Brenda Kelley

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

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

**12.7** Lois Beeney

**12.7** Aleksei Valle-Bolanos

**12.8** Drew Bergeron

**12.8** Linette Bolanos

**12.12** Beverly Green

**12.12** Phyllis Forrest

**12.12** Katharine Giddens

### Those Celebrating Anniversaries

**12.12** Rigoberto Valle & Linette Bolanos

**PARISH HALL CLOSED THIS WEEK:** The Parish Hall will be closed this week from **Monday, December 8 to Saturday, December 13** in preparation and distribution of our Angel Tree gifts. Please be sure to have your Angel Tree gifts to the Parish Hall this **Sunday, December 7, 2025**. Please contact Mary Anne Lock (270.836.6128 or lockmaryanne@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Thank you for your support and understanding!

**OFFICIAL ST. MATTHIAS CANVAS TOTE BAGS – NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:** Sturdy canvas tote bags featuring the **St. Matthias logo and Love Lives Here design** are on sale for **\$5.00** each. Bags may be purchased on Sundays or through the Church Office. These cute bags make perfect stocking stuffers or gifts for family and friends! If you have any questions, please contact Linda Denslow (407.923.6423 or lindadenslow@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School this **Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 9:20 am!** Please join us in the Sunday School building (Little House) just to the right of the Sanctuary. We don't want you to miss any of the fun. There is a lot happening this month and we're meeting every Sunday in December AND January! Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freiberGs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

**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, December 7, 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.

**CARE MINISTRY MEETING:** Care Ministry will meet this **Monday, December 8, 2025, at 1:30 pm** in the Church Office. Please contact Kathy Mahoney (321.200.7032 or mahoney.kathleen7219@outlook.com) or Maxine Hylton (305.775.3415 or maxhyl1@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**STAFF MEETING:** St. Matthias Staff will meet this **Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 9:30 am** in the Church Office. The Church Office will be closed from 9:30 am to 10:45 am, reopening at 11:00 am. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Finance Committee will meet this **Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 11:00 AM** in the Church Office. Please contact Michael Giallella (352.394.3855 or michaelgiallella@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions.

**ADVENT STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us):** Advent Study will meet this **Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm** in the Church Office. Please contact Janette Dorn (352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us):** Bible Study class will meet this **Wednesday, December 10, 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.

**MEN'S LUNCH:** Brothers, a new month has come and that means we have another lunch date to enjoy! We are meeting on **Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 12:00 noon** at Applebee's Grill & Bar in Clermont (2050 E Highway 50, Clermont, 34711). There are several of you we haven't seen in a few months, and I encourage you to come back and have lunch with us, as we've been enjoying good laughs and conversation. You are wanted and missed, come on out and eat with us! Please RSVP to me at (407.267.2312 or homeswithmatthew@gmail.com) Sincerely, Matt Mobley

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** St. Matthias Episcopal Church invites you to attend its Blue Christmas service on **Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 6:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. The joyousness of the Christmas Season blared from all the media, talking about getting together with family and friends, reminds many of what they may have lost or in some cases may never have had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of employment loss, ill health, the pain of isolation, loss of a family member, loss of a spouse to share with, the loss of a dear pet, all this and more can be part of feeling alone, of “feeling blue,” especially in the midst of the society around us which appears to be bent on “being happy” and “celebrating.” There are years when we hurt at Christmas time and just cannot get into the prescribed festivities.

It is at such times that we need to make space and take the time to acknowledge our sadness and concern and know we are not alone. Please join us for a brief service on Wednesday December 10, 2025, at 6:00pm at St. Matthias Episcopal Church to join in and listen to prayers, and scripture that acknowledge God’s presence for those who mourn, and for those who are experiencing struggles. God’s Word comes to shine light into our darkness regardless of where we are at, and we can lay our burdens before our savior and mediator at this time of the year as we celebrate His birth.

Please accept this invitation to be with us, hopefully a time to experience the hope that is Christmas. The doors will be open to all, feel free to invite others to come with you, as your support, or if you know they too are hurting at Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact Hope Blume or Fr. Jim Dorn at 352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com or jmdorn3@gmail.com.

**NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE DURING BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** Nursery Care will be available during the Blue Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 10, 2025. Nicholas Crumbo will be there to let you in and watch the children during the service. Once the service begins, the Sunday School House will be locked, so please knock if you are running late and when you come by after the service to pick up your children. Thank you for your support and understanding with this process, safety is our number one priority. Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

**SINGING SAINTS (All Singers Welcome to Join Us):** The Singing Saints will meet this **Friday, December 12, 2025, at 4:00 pm** in the Choir Room for fellowship and at 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary for singing. Please contact Gina Mobley (407.782.3065 or ginamobley@aol.com) if you have any questions.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026:** Are you thinking about being a part of the VBS team? It's going to be great...God Loves You to the Moon and Back: Blasting Off into Outer Space. Below are the lyrics to a song we'll be learning. I can't stop singing it, so I have also included a link to a YouTube video to the music and movements. The kids will have a blast (see what I did there). Let's get movin' and groovin' together this summer at VBS. We will have our first meeting in January. Hugs and blessings, Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com)

### CELEBRATION

Song by Forrest Frank

You, you, you, you, you know what to do (uh, huh)  
It's time to put your phone down and raise your attitude  
The God who made the birds, sea, sun, and the moon  
Isn't somewhere far away, He is standin' in the room (that's true)

So let it scream, let it shout, let Him know what you're about  
Keep it movin' and groovin', don't leave a single doubt  
That today is the day that the Lord has created  
Why would I sit around just waitin'?

Let's have a celebration (celebration)  
It's time to clap our hands and stomp our feet  
Let's have a celebration (celebration)  
If you believe that Jesus set you free

It's time to celebrate, ay, ay, ay  
Ay, ay, ay, ay  
Ay, ay, ay, ay  
Don't sit there waitin', let's have a celebration

Me, me, me, me, I need less of me  
Father, Son, and Spirit, that's who I call G-O-D  
I used to be a blind man until You let me see  
"That who the Son sets free," You said, "Is truly free indeed"

So let it scream, let it shout, let Him know what you're about  
Keep it movin' and groovin', don't leave a single doubt  
That today is the day that the Lord has created  
Why would I sit around just waitin'?

Let's have a celebration (celebration)  
It's time to clap our hands and stomp our feet  
Let's have a celebration (celebration)  
If you believe that Jesus set you free

It's time to celebrate, ay, ay, ay  
Ay, ay, ay, ay  
Ay, ay, ay, ay  
Don't sit there waitin', let's have a celebration

Celebration (oh yeah)  
It's time to clap our hands and stomp our feet (uh, yeah)  
Let's have a celebration (ooh, ooh)  
If you believe that Jesus set you free (oh)

<https://youtu.be/QEc2dK3IG3c?si=okz3NNIb63QKrLym>

**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)**

**The Advent Flowers and Greens are given to the  
Glory of God & St. Matthias Church**

and in Celebration of  
Aleksi Valle-Bolanos & Linette Bolanos' Birthdays  
Given with Love by The Valle-Bolanos Family

and in Celebration of Mary Anne Lock's Birthday  
Given with Love by Larry Lock

and in Loving Memory of Margaret Link's Birthday  
Given with Love by Rick & Hope Blume and Jason & Rene Meagher

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

and in Celebration of  
Aleksi Valle-Bolanos & Linette Bolanos' Birthdays  
Given with Love by The Valle-Bolanos Family

and in Celebration of Mary Anne Lock's Birthday  
Given with Love by Larry Lock

and in Loving Memory of Margaret Link's Birthday  
Given with Love by Sarah & Hannah Blume

**SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
11.30.2025	7:45 AM Service	18
11.30.2025	9:30 AM Service	59
11.30.2025	11:15 AM Service	38
	<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>
	Online Views	264

## Mark Your Calendars for the Following Important December & January Dates

DATE	Day	EVENT	TIME
December 7	Sunday	<b>Second Sunday of Advent Services</b>	7:45 AM·9:30 AM·11:15 AM
December 7	Sunday	<b>Sunday School Classes</b> <i>Nursery Care Available at 9:30 am &amp; 11:15 am services</i>	9:20 AM
<b>December 9</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE TO HOPE</b> <i>for the following bulletins, online, and printed announcements</i> <b>December 14 · 21 · 24 · 25 · 28 and January 4</b> Any announcements received after December 9, 2025, will not be included in the bulletins or online and printed announcements until Sunday, January 11, 2026. So be sure to get them to Hope via email at hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1@gmail.com by December 9, 2025. There will be no exceptions this year.	
December 10	Wednesday	<b>Blue Christmas Service</b> <i>Nursery Care Available</i>	6:00 PM
December 14	Sunday	<b>Third Sunday of Advent Services</b>	7:45 AM·9:30 AM·11:15 AM
December 14	Sunday	<b>Sunday School Classes</b> <i>Nursery Care Available at 9:30 am &amp; 11:15 am services</i>	9:20 AM
December 21	Sunday	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent Services</b>	7:45 AM·9:30 AM·11:15 AM
December 21	Sunday	<b>Sunday School Classes</b> <i>Nursery Care Available at 9:30 am &amp; 11:15 am services</i>	9:20 AM
December 21	Sunday	<b>Christmas Tree Decorating in Sanctuary</b>	12:15 PM
December 21	Sunday	<b>Sunday School Happy Birthday Jesus Party</b> <i>Parish Hall</i>	After Tree Decorating
<b>Church Offices Closed</b> <b>Tuesday, December 23, 2025 – Sunday, January 4, 2026</b> <i>Contact Fr. Jim via his mobile phone if you have a pastoral emergency.</i> <i>If he is unable to answer the phone, please leave a message and he will call you back as soon as possible.</i>			
December 24	Wednesday	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b> <i>Children's Program</i> <i>Nursery Care Available in Sunday School House</i>	5:00 PM
December 24	Wednesday	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b> <i>Fr. Jim Sermon</i>	7:00 pm
December 25	Thursday	<b>Christmas Day Service</b>	10:00 AM
December 28	Sunday	<b>Lessons &amp; Carols Service</b>	One Service - 10:00 AM
December 28	Sunday	<b>Sunday School Classes</b> <i>Nursery Care Available</i>	9:50 AM
December 28	Sunday	<b>Cookies &amp; Fellowship</b> <i>Parish Hall</i>	11:00 AM
January 4	Sunday	<b>Epiphany Service</b> <i>Sunday School Epiphany Pageant</i>	One Service - 10:00 AM
January 4	Sunday	<b>Sunday School Classes</b> <i>Nursery Care Available</i>	9:50 AM
January 4	Sunday	<b>Potluck &amp; Fellowship</b> <i>Parish Hall</i>	11:00 AM
January 25	Sunday	<b>Sunday Service</b>	One Service - 10:00 AM
January 25	Sunday	<b>Sunday School Classes</b> <i>Nursery Care Available</i>	9:50 AM
January 25	Sunday	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> <i>Sanctuary</i>	11:00 AM
January 25	Sunday	<b>Potluck &amp; Fellowship</b> <i>Parish Hall</i>	11:30 AM "ish"

# 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 OF

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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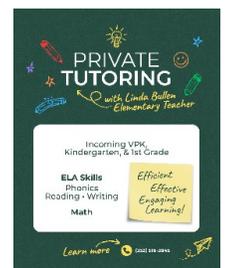
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