

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

Church Offices Closed

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word – Sanctuary
- 9:20 AM Sunday School Classes – Little House
- 9:30 AM Rite II with Music & Choir – Sanctuary
- Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- Nursery Care – Little House
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversation – Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Rite II with Music – Sanctuary
- Nursery Care – Little House

Monday, December 11

Hope Out of Office – Vacation Day

- 10:30 AM Literacy Class – Little House
- 1:00 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 6:15 PM Al-Anon Book Club – Little House
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House

Tuesday, December 12

- 9:00 AM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House

Wednesday, December 13

- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study Christmas Potluck – Parish Hall
- 2:00 PM Come Sing to the Lord Class – Library
- 4:00 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room/Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Blue Christmas Service – Sanctuary

Thursday, December 14

- 11:00 AM Literacy Class – Little House
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House

Friday, December 15

Church Offices Closed

- 5:00 PM Altar Guild Team Three Set-Up – Sanctuary

Saturday, December 16

Church Offices Closed

- 9:00 AM Scrapbooking with Linda – Parish Hall

Sunday, December 17: Third Sunday of Advent

Church Offices Closed

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word – Sanctuary
- 9:20 AM Sunday School Classes – Little House
- 9:30 AM Rite II with Music & Choir – Sanctuary
- Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- Nursery Care – Little House
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Rite II with Music – Sanctuary
- Nursery Care – Little House
- Adult Sunday School – Choir Room

Vestry Members

2024	Cindi Curtis, <i>Treasurer</i>	ninicurtis55@msn.com
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ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
12.3.23	7:45 AM Sunday Service	29
12.3.23	9:30 AM Sunday Service	79
12.3.23	11:15 AM Sunday Service	34
	Total	142
	Online Views	19

Those on Our Prayer List

Parish Family

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Joan Allabaugh	Miranda Foster	Lidio Nembrotti
Harold Andrews	Karlene Gordon	Nembrotti Family
Geny Arrunategui	Alice Grimes	Elizabeth Nemeth
Ray Arthurs	James Helm	Megan Ogle
Linda Armstrong	Jeannine Helm	Austin Parkinson
Kay Barnes	Margaret Jahreis	Maria Rosado
Drew Bergeron	Noel Kirton	Gene Ruryk
Hope Blume	Theresa Knight	Suzanne Ruryk
Anakin Boeni	Darrel Kugler	Sheila Seale
Jane Boyack	Longwater Family	Gina Storr
Sandra Bradshaw	Frank Macripo	Jim Storr
Gavin Bramwell	Diana Mahoney	Joe Sturges
Reta Bramwell	Imantee Mallay	Mary Sturges
Mother Jane Clark	Sabrina Mallay	Connie Tracey
Clifford Family	Stanley Mallay	Liane Traniello
Steve Coole	Don Manny	Obiajulu Udokwu
Donna Dyson	Glen Martin	Rick Unger
Anita Erickson	Henrietta Martin	Sandy Unger
Ann Forehand	Mathews Family	Vera Wilson
Buddy Forehand	Catherine Mengley	
John Foster	Mike Meeker	

Family & Friends

Patricia Ainlay	Jennifer Henderson	Sherrill Mizioch
June Berlund	Sharon Hess	Danny Nemeth
Gary Braner	Nicole Hess	Andrew Nickolaou
Marcia Brown	Meraid Hess	Ophelia Nickolaou
Rose Brown	Nkenge Hewitt/Castro	Karter Nickolaou
Suzie Brownlee	Jordan Hofstetter	Ethyn Nickolaou
Reverend Bill Boyer	Mary Italia	Ty Nu
Nathaniel Carter	Debbie Jordon	Ruth Rees
Mary Ellen Cook	Fran Jue	Timothy Reid
Shedrick Cotton	Henrirtte Karnik	Nary Singh
Reverend Cass Daly	Frances LaCroix	Mary Sowers
Betty Davis	Normand LaCroix	Terry Vander Meer
James Dorn, Jr.	Bob Link	Vannoy Family
Mary Dorn	Peggy Link	Denise Thibault Vespa
Mark Ellison	Terry Macripo	Doris Wilson
Cheryl Ferrell	Sean Marcus	Tom Wilson
Emily Griffin	Eleanor Meade	Richard Wolf

Military & First Responders

Jeff Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
 Nicole Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
 Nicholas Buonocore, U.S. Navy
 Delani Carter, U.S. Military Academy at West Point
 Spencer Coole, U.S. Air Force, Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina
 Greta Gaasch, U.S. Army Reserve
 Lucas Freiberg, Federal Corrections Officer, Coleman Federal Prison
 Jeremy Linney, U.S. Army, Osan Air Base, Korea
 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, Officer Training
 Tyler Reece, U.S. Army, Deploying to Afghanistan
 Logan T. Wells, U.S. Marine Reserves

Those Celebrating Birthdays

12.12	Beverly Green	12.15	Joshua Powell
12.12	Phyllis Forrest	12.16	Megan Ogle
12.12	Katharine Giddens		

Those Who Have Died

Ms. Krisita Jackson

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

and in Loving Memory of
 My Loving Mother & Father
 Sylvia & Joscelyn Shakes
 Given with Love by Hope & Glen Martin

The Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God

and in Loving Memory of
 My Loving Mother, Sylvia Shakes
 Given with Love by Hope & Glen Martin

HOPE BLUME OUT OF OFFICE: Hope will be out of the office this coming Monday, December 11, 2023, returning on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Hannah Blume or Fr. Jim (352.394.3855).

FIT TEEN CHRISTMAS THANK YOU: Thank you for your generosity and care of our Lake County Families in Transition, with the major focus on the teens! This year, with your extremely generous donations, we were able to provide over 225 gifts and \$2,165.00 in gift cards for the teens to shop and eat at an array of locations. Teens in need are the demographic that is typically forgotten around the holidays as everyone enjoys buying Christmas gifts for the younger children and the teen gifts typically cost more. Kristin, our Lake County Social Worker Liaison was blown away by the generosity and love the St. Matthias family shared with the teens this year and all the support shared throughout the year. Thank you very much for your continued support of these well-deserving teens and their families! Love and Blessings, Hope, Janette, and the entire Community Outreach Committee

THANK YOU: A huge, giant, enormous thank you to everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Basket project! Everyone played a role from monetary donations, to helping purchase, organize, haul and pick-up food items, to those who came out and volunteered to put the baskets together and help distribute them. It was a major team effort, and we could not have done it without every single one of you! Jessie and I were in awe of all the help and support received and the 125 families we were able to provide Thanksgiving dinners were all very thankful and expressed their gratitude when picking up their baskets. You all provided the means for these families to prepare and enjoy a delicious dinner surrounded by their families in their own spaces. Thank you is not big enough words to express how thankful the Community Outreach Committee, Jessie, and I are for all the love and support you shared for this caring ministry. Hoping everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving and we look forward to having a post-meeting sometime in January to discuss ideas and suggestions for helping improve the process for next year. Thank you! Love and Blessings, Hope & Jessie

UPDATED BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINES: If you have any announcements, calendar events and/or calendar updates, or information you would like to share with the church family for the weeks of December 17, 24, 31, please have all information to Hope Blume no later than the end of the day on **Tuesday, December 12, 2023**. The Advent and Christmas seasons are upon us, and we will be preparing early all bulletins and announcements for this busy season, so please have all announcements and such to Hope no later than Tuesday, December 12, 2023. This also includes any information being sent out via Constant Contact. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

FINAL DEADLINE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Your generous donations help us create a beautiful space to celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ during our Christmas season. If giving flowers in memory of a loved one(s), please be sure to **clearly print** your loved one's names on the back of the envelope. Envelopes can be found at the Welcome Table. Please have all names into the Church Office no later than this **Monday, December 11, 2023**. Please contact Hope Blume or Hannah Blume at the office (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN: There are two opportunities to attend bible study with Janette Dorn, Mondays at 3:30 pm and Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. Classes will resume on **Monday, January 8, 2024, at 3:30 pm and Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. This session we will be studying Revelation Part Two, Unveiling the Book of Revelation. The focus is the end of time - discover exactly what God says will take place. Please add your name to the Monday or Tuesday class sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall if you plan to attend. Please contact Janette Dorn (jsmdorn@gmail.com or 352.235.5168) if you have any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Parents, please let me know if you and/or your child/ren will be attending the tree decorating and pizza lunch on **Sunday, December 17, 2023**, after the 11:15 am service. I look forward to hearing from you! Hugs and Blessings, Karen (freibergs4@aol.com or 352.432.3164).

FLOWER GUILD HELP NEEDED: We need two additional volunteers to join the Flower Guild and assist with deliveries of Altar flowers to our homebound and local hospitals, rehabilitation centers, assisted living, and hospice homes. Please contact Lorna Manny (352.250.6202) if you have any questions and/or would like to be a part of this dedicated and caring team.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Please join us today, **Sunday, December 10, 2023**, at 9:20 am in the Little House for Sunday School. Please contact Karen Freiberg if you have any questions. (freibergs4@aol.com or 352.432.3164).

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS: Please join us on **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.

LITERACY CLASSES: St. Matthias is offering classes for anyone in the community who may need help with literacy, including English conversation practice, English language, and grammar classes. The class meets on Mondays at 10:30 am in the Little House. Please contact Wanda Klaas (klaas46@yahoo.com) or Kathy Ridenour (kathyt08069@yahoo.com) for additional information. The next classes will meet on **Monday, December 11, 2023, at 10:30 am** and **Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 11:00 am** in the Little House. Thursday, December 14th class will be the last class for 2023, classes will resume on Monday, January 8, 2024.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The Women's Bible Study will meet this coming **Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. We will be enjoying our Christmas Potluck Luncheon. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions. Classes will take a break for the rest of 2023 and will resume on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 10:30 am.

MEN'S RETIRED LUNCH BUNCH: Will gather on **Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 12:00 pm** at Beef 'O'Brady's on Highway 50 in Clermont (1642 East Hwy 50, Clermont). Please RSVP to Hugh Dial (dizzyfingers103@msn.com or 863.557.8803) if you plan to attend. If you are new to St. Matthias and would like to attend, RSVP to Hugh Dial and come on out and join us!

COME LET US SING TO THE LORD AND STUDY HANDEL'S MESSIAH: The group will meet on **Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 2:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. We will be following a Kerygma curriculum for a 10-week study of the Bible as it relates to Handel's oratorio. We will spend 4 weeks on the prophecy of Jesus and after Christmas, 6 weeks on the Passion and Resurrection, and every session will end with appropriate portions of a Messiah recording. After December 13th, classes will take a break for the rest of 2023 and will resume on January 10, 2024. Please contact Hugh if you have any questions (863.557.8803 or dizzyfingers103@msn.com).

SINGING SAINTS: Will rehearse this **Monday, December 11, 2023, at 1:00 pm** and this **Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 4:00 pm** in the Choir Room. Please contact Hugh Dial (863.557.8803 or dizzyfingers103@msn.com) if you have any questions.

BLUE CHRISTMAS: St. Matthias Episcopal Church invites you to attend its Blue Christmas celebration. The joyousness of the Christmas Season blared from all the media, talk of getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they may have lost or in some cases never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of a loss of job, 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" in the midst of the society around us which appears to us bent on "being happy" and "celebrating." There are years when we hurt at Christmas time and just can't get into the prescribed festivities.

It's at such times that we need to make the space and take the time to acknowledge our sadness and concern. We need to know we are not alone. So come to a brief service on **Wednesday December 13, 2023, at 6:00pm** at St. Matthias Episcopal Church to join in and listen to prayers, and scripture that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, 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 the time of 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 Fr. Jim Dorn at 352.394.3855.

SCRAPBOOKING WITH LINDA: **Saturday, December 16, 2023, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, have fun and create cards, scrapbooking pages, and craft projects. Please contact Linda Bullen (352.516.3845 or mamabulle@aol.com) if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun!

REFRESH GROUP MEETING: The Refresh Group will meet **Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 1:00 pm** in the Little House. If you have a spouse or family member suffering from Dementia or Alzheimer's disease and would like a safe place to share and find support and comfort, please reach out to Terri Kunze or Claudia Seitz-Ricklick. Please join these beautiful women as they provide support, comfort, and care for those caring for a loved one suffering from Dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Everything shared in the group is confidential and supported by Fr. Jim Dorn and the Care Ministry Team.

Claudia: 352.552.2469 or seitzric@earthlink.net / Terri: 352.552.5303 or terri@kunzefamily.com

PET BLESSING POST EVENT MEETING: The Pet Blessing Post Event Meeting will take place on **Thursday, January 4, 2023**, in the Parish Hall, time to be determined. Please bring all ideas and suggestions for the 2024 Pet Blessing. Please contact Keith Whitacre if you have any questions (952.239.5870).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Sunday school is taking a break and will resume meeting on **Sunday, January 7, 2024**, at 11:15 am in the Choir room. Let us come together for thought-provoking, meaningful discussion, where we will exchange views and relay life experiences relevant to the scripture of the day. Everyone is welcome to join us! Please contact Dolores Wilson-Malone (856.625.1515) or Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

HEALING SERVICE: The Healing Service is taking a break and will resume on **Wednesday, February 21, 2024**. Please contact Fr. Jim or Hope Blume if you have any questions.

FAMILIES IN TRANSITION: The FIT program is running low on **paper products, laundry, and cleaning supplies**. If you can donate any of these items, please place them in the red rolling bin located in the Parish Hall. Thank you very much for your continued support of our Lake County FIT Highschool Students. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855) or Janette Dorn (352.235.5168) if you have any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024: If you can please help us by saving items and purchasing items for the program, this is what we need, **please save: egg cartons any size any color, clean 1- and 2-liter plastic bottles, i.e., soda bottles. Dollar Tree purchases: pool noodles (lots) all colors, packages (lots) of pipe cleaners all colors, rolls (lots) of crepe paper in shades of blues and greens, round and rectangle plastic tablecloths in shades of blue, green, and gray.** Your help will be most appreciated. You can leave the items in the boxes on the counter under the windows in the Parish Hall. Thank you so much for your help. Hugs and blessings, Karen (352.432.3164 or freibergs4@gmail.com)

2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: On Thursday, November 9, 2023, we mailed out a 2024 stewardship letter, pledge card, and envelope choice letter. If you did not receive one and would like one, packets are available at the Welcome Table. If you did not receive one, it may be due to us not having you in our membership system. The best way to get into our membership system is to complete a membership form, which is also located at the Welcome Table. If you have any questions regarding the stewardship campaign, please contact Kim Hunt (404.216.1402 or kimhunt34711@gmail.com) and if you have any questions regarding membership and/or giving envelopes and numbers, please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com).

Wednesday
December 13
6:00 PM

Blue
Christmas
A Service of Darkness & Light

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
574 West Montrose St. Clermont, FL 34711 • 352.394.3855

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday School Classes

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Sunday, December 17, 2023

9:20 am – Little House

Blue Christmas Service

The Reverend James M. Dorn III, Celebrant

The Reverend Beth Knight, Meditation

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

6:00 pm

This service will be live streamed via Facebook.

Christmas Tree Decorating & Pizza Lunch

Sunday School Students

Sunday, December 17, 2023

12:15 pm

Please RSVP to Karen Freiberg.

Advent Lessons & Carols Service

The Reverend Dr. Jane Clark, Celebrant

Sunday, December 24, 2023

10:00 am

One Service this Sunday Morning

This service will be live streamed via Facebook.

Christmas Eve Services

The Reverend James M. Dorn III, Celebrant

Sunday, December 24, 2023

5:00 pm & 7:00 pm

The 5:00 pm service will include a children's skit.

These services will be live streamed via Facebook.

Christmas Day Service

The Reverend Dr. Jane Clark, Celebrant

Monday, December 25, 2023

10:00 am

This service will not be live streamed.

Sunday Services

The Reverend James M. Dorn III, Celebrant

Sunday, December 31, 2023

7:45 am

Rite I Spoken Word Service

9:30 am

Rite II with Music & Choir

11:15 am

Rite II with Music

These services will be live streamed via Facebook.

THE DORN'S EPIPHANY OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Waterside Point Clubhouse

110 Honeymoon Island Way,

Groveland, FL 34736

Please bring a favorite finger food type appetizer to share.

Parking spaces are available at the Club House & on the side of the street closest to the pond.

Gate Code to be Announced.

Please R.S.V.P. Janette Dorn at 352.235.5168 if you plan to attend.