

# This Week at St. Matthias

## Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent & Sunday School Classes

*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 – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 9:30 AM Nursery Care – Little House
- 11:15 AM Rite II with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Nursery Care – Little House
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Choir Room

## Monday, December 16

- 9:30 AM Count Team Three – Church Office
- 11:00 AM English Class – Little House
- 6:15 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club Meeting – Church Office
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Church Office

## Tuesday, December 17

- 4:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Little House

## Wednesday, December 18

*Parish Hall Closed for the Day*

- 8:00 AM Testerman's Painting – All Church/Parish Hall Doors
- 10:30 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Room
- 5:00 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Hugh's Home

## Thursday, December 19

- 11:00 AM English Class – Little House
- 5:00 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Church Office

## Friday, December 20

*Church Offices Closed*

- 1:00 PM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Room
- 4:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Little House
- 5:00 PM Altar Guild Team Three Set-Up – Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM Game Night – Parish Hall

## Saturday, December 21

*Church Offices Closed*

No Events Scheduled for Today

## Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent & Sunday School Classes

*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 – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 9:30 AM Nursery Care – Little House
- 11:15 AM Rite II with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Nursery Care – Little House
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Choir Room
- 12:15 PM Sunday School Party/Decorating – Parish Hall

## Vestry Members

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|------|--|--------------------------|
| 2025 | Cindi Curtis, <i>Treasurer</i>                       | ninicurtis55@msn.com     |
|      | Lorna Manny, <i>Sr. Warden</i>                       | lornamanny23@gmail.com   |
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|      | Elizabeth Nemeth, <i>Clerk</i>                       | edreis55@gmail.com       |
| 2027 | Coleen Cox, <i>Pastoral Care</i>                     | drccoxmcintosh@gmail.com |
|      | Rod Denslow, <i>Assistant Jr. Warden</i>             | roddenslow@gmail.com     |
|      | Glen Martin, <i>Assistant Treasurer, Stewardship</i> | glenmartin286@gmail.com  |

## Attendance

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
12.8.24	7:45 AM Service	20
12.8.24	9:30 AM Service	97
12.8.24	11:15 AM Service	36
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>153</b>
	Online Views:	181

# Those on Our Prayer List

## Parish Family

- |                      |                   |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Bob Allabaugh        | Buddy Forehand    | Don Manny         |
| Harold Andrews       | Arthur Forrest    | Edna Marcus       |
| Geny Arrunategui     | Phyllis Forrest   | Henrietta Martin  |
| Ray Arthurs          | John Foster       | Lidio Nembrotti   |
| Lois Beeney          | Miranda Foster    | Elizabeth Nemeth  |
| Drew Bergeron        | Connie Gamb       | Megan Ogle        |
| Anakin Boeni         | Michael Giallella | Marlene Parkinson |
| Josef Boeni          | Diane Gordon      | Maria Rosado      |
| Jane Boyack          | James Helm        | Gene Ruryk        |
| Sandra Bradshaw      | Jeannine Helm     | Suzanne Ruryk     |
| Gavin Bramwell       | Mike Hollywood    | Sheila Seale      |
| Mother Jane Clark    | Anne Hollywood    | Joe Sturges       |
| Michael Clark        | Denny Kapuchuck   | Mary Sturges      |
| Steve Coole          | Julie Kessler     | Connie Tracey     |
| Bishop Michael Curry | Theresa Knight    | Liane Trainello   |
| Adrian D'Arts        | John Luposello    | John Unger        |
| Julia D'Arts         | Eleonore Macripio | Sandy Unger       |
| Geraldine Engel      | Diana Mahoney     | Stuart Wilson     |
| Anita Erickson       | Imantee Mallay    | Vera Wilson       |
| Ann Forehand         | Stanley Mallay    |                   |

## Family & Friends

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|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sean                | Tecelisa Palmer Francis   | Timothy Reid          |
| Kendra              | Sarah Grimes              | Brandon Rivenbark     |
| Nathan Allabaugh    | Deidre Huffman            | Julie Rivenbark       |
| Alex Assadi         | Mark Jenkins              | Linda Rosenberg       |
| Amber Assadi        | Gordon Knight             | Jeannette Scanlan     |
| Gabby Assadi        | Diana Kuharske            | Schoff Family         |
| Paula Assadi        | Frances LaCroix           | Inge Sebach           |
| Judith Bergeron     | Francine LaCroix Thibault | Nathan Smith          |
| Heather Blue        | Lantigua Family           | Gina Storr            |
| Jean Blume          | Anne Lee                  | Jim Storr             |
| Reta Bramwell       | Bob Link                  | Jacquelyn Taylor      |
| Rose Brown          | Peggy Link                | Terry Vander Meer     |
| Reverend Bill Boyer | Maksimowitz Family        | Denise Thibault Vespa |
| Jo Chen             | Eleanore Meade            | Kathleen Whitacre     |
| Roy Chen            | Alicia Miller             | Phyllis White         |
| Cooper Coole        | Brian Miller              | Joyce Wilson          |
| Reverend Cass Daly  | David Moore               | Tom Wilson            |
| James Dorn, Jr.     | Danny Nemeth              | Richard Wolf          |
| Mary Dorn           | Ty Neu                    | Kathy Wood            |
| Millie Figueroa     | Harold Phillips           | Richard Woodworth     |

## Military & First Responders

- Jeff Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve  
 Nicole Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve  
 Vick Boothe, U.S. Army, Undisclosed Location  
 Nicholas Buonocore, U.S. Navy, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, WA  
 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, NAS Pensacola, Flight School  
 Luca Newby, U.S. Marine Reserves  
 Tyler Reece, U.S. Army, Afghanistan  
 Ian Todd, NJ National Guard Bravo Company 1-114, Syria  
 Logan T. Wells, U.S. Marine Reserves

## Those Celebrating Birthdays

- 12.15 Joshua Powell
- 12.16 Megan Ogle
- 12.18 CZ Mathews
- 12.18 Marywynne Shattuck
- 12.19 Lelieth Miller
- 12.19 Carol Radovich
- 12.20 Juli Kessler
- 12.20 Rod Denslow
- 12.21 Aurelia Longwater

## Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 12.17 Douglas & Diane Gordon
- 12.21 Tony & Tracy Morelli

## Those Who Have Died

Rose Kornegay, a dear friend of the Dial family

**2025 STEWARDSHIP:** Dear St. Matthias Family, we are excited to announce the launch of our annual Pledge Campaign, a vital part of supporting the ongoing ministries and mission of our church. Your generous pledges allow us to continue offering spiritual growth, outreach, and support to those in need within our community and beyond. We invite each of you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to the future of our church. Every pledge, no matter the size, makes a difference and helps strengthen our shared mission. Please join us in this journey of faith, commitment, and generosity. Pledge cards are available at the back of the church and can be placed in the offering plate, emailed to Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) or mailed to the church office (528 W. Montrose St., Clermont 34711). Please contact our Stewardship Chair, Glen Martin (352.391.0430 or glenmartin286@gmail.com) or the Church Office (352.394.3855) if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to St. Matthias.

## **2025 STEWARDSHIP LETTER FROM GLEN MARTIN, STEWARDSHIP CHAIR**

December 12, 2024

Dear St. Matthias family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are sometimes asked, why do we attend church? I do hope it is not just for the coffee and the fellowship after service, but we attend church to worship the Lord, to hear truth through the scriptures, to receive encouragement from the pulpit, to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, and to find grace, forgiveness, and fellowship with God at the altar.

Here at St. Matthias, I believe we seek to re-enforce our beliefs through the many ministries we operate, from the three Sunday Services to our Community Outreach to Bible Studies and the many other ministries that happen during the week. Our mission at St. Matthias, is to **“Proclaim, embody and extend the love of Jesus in the world”**

To continue this mission, we are asked to reflect on the many blessings that God has given to us and to be reminded of his call to be good stewards of the resources he has entrusted to us. Today I am writing to you as the new Stewardship Chair at St. Matthias, and as such, I have been asked to lead the Stewardship and Pledge campaign for 2025. The theme of the Campaign is **“Tell Out My Soul”**.

Over the years, our church has been blessed in so many ways, lives transformed, new families welcomed, and our ministries continuing to reach out to our community. All this of course is made possible through your faithful financial support. As we enter this season of giving, your Vestry would like to know that you can be counted upon to continue our mission. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can continue to support the mission of the church and to fund the budget for the 2025 year. Our pledge goal this year is \$297,255.00. Please pray about it and discern how God is calling you to share your gifts with the church.

We ask that you complete a pledge card, and if you can increase your giving by 10%, this will help keep up with the rising costs.

As Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth:

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver, and God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

If you do not normally complete a pledge card, why not start now and make a pledge for whatever you can give.

Thank you so much, and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely,

*Glen Martin*

Glen Martin  
Stewardship Chair

## 2025 GIVING ENVELOPES AND NUMBERS

December 12, 2024

Dear St. Matthias Family –

We want to continue to be good financial stewards as well as good stewards of the environment, and as we shared in the past, we have found that many envelopes were either not picked up and/or not used over the last few years. The trends are showing less check and cash giving and more online giving, for which we are very grateful. As many have been giving through online banking and the St. Matthias online giving portal, we have decided to continue to do away with the traditional giving envelopes and use the same plan as this past year.

We wish to accommodate everyone with how they are most comfortable with their giving and ask that you please return the below portion back to the Church Office no later than **Thursday, December 19, 2024**. Once we receive your information, we will accommodate your giving choices. If we do not hear back from you by Thursday, December 19, 2024, we will assume you do not need envelopes.

Everyone's current giving number will remain the same. If you need a reminder of your current giving number or you do not have a current giving number, please let us know and we will provide the information to you.

If you would like to begin giving via the church's website at <https://stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving>, please feel free to contact us and we will be happy to help you.

Please read and mark below your preferred choice for giving envelopes.

- If you are giving online and/or prefer not to receive giving envelopes, please mark that choice below.
- If you would like to continue to receive giving envelopes, please mark that choice below and indicate if you plan to give weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually. This will determine how many giving envelopes we provide to you (52, 12, 4, or 1).
- If you need a reminder of your current giving number or would like a giving number, please indicate below.

Envelopes and giving number reminder cards will be provided on Sunday, December 29, 2024.

Thank you for your continued financial support and prayers as we continue to work on ways to streamline our processes, use resources wisely, and save money.

Blessings,  
Hope Blume  
Parish Administrator

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**PLEASE RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

- Giving Envelopes **NOT** needed (giving online or providing my own envelopes).
- Giving Envelopes **ARE** needed (please indicate below **how many envelopes** you would like).

I/We plan to give:

Weekly (52)    Monthly (12)    Quarterly (4)    Annually (1)

- Giving Number needed (new to the church family or have not yet received a giving number).
- Giving Number reminder (have a giving number, just need a reminder).



## CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Michael & Mother Jane Clark on the newest addition to their family! Granddaughter Aadhya Eileen Clark was born on November 14, 2024, weighing 7 lbs. 15 ounces and 21 inches long. Aadhya is the first girl in the past six generations of the Clarks! Needless to say, they are over the moon with this sweet, beautiful, bundle of joy! Steve, Megha, and Aadhya are all doing well! Pictured is Aadhya and her proud daddy, Steve.

**ST. MATTHIAS CLASSIFIEDS:** We are introducing the idea of a St. Matthias Classifieds to provide our church family with an outlet to find, buy, sell, and/or reach out with services available and/or needed. If you have a business you would like to advertise or a service you would like to provide, the St. Matthias Classifieds can be your first stop. Some examples of services provided or needed might include babysitting, nannying, lawn work, pet care, house sitting, the possibilities/needs are limitless. Are you in search of a particular piece of furniture, rental property, babysitter, transportation, if so, check out the St. Matthias Classifieds and/or place an ad.

However, we do have a problem ... we need a name for this classified service so we're having a contest to name it. Please contact Karen Freiberg at freiberGs4@aol.com with your name suggestion. Also, if you'd like to "advertise" in the classifieds, please contact Karen, as she will be overseeing this new adventure for the St. Matthias family. There is no charge for this service as we are just here to provide some help.

**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Today, **Sunday, December 15, 2024**, after Sunday School and during fellowship, we will be practicing for the pageant in the Sanctuary. Please enjoy the fun fellowship while we keep your kiddos a bit longer today.

Next Sunday, December 22, 2024, we will be helping to decorate the church Christmas tree and adding the ornaments that the kiddos have been making in class. First, we will have our Christmas party in the Parish Hall at 12:30 pm. Pizza, salad, and decoration of our Christmas cookies will be in order. ***PARENTS, PLEASE BE SURE TO LET ME KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT FROM YOUR FAMILY SO WE HAVE ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE.*** Family members are welcome.

We will have our **fundraiser at Carrabba's in Clermont, Wednesday, January 15, 2024**, for lunch and dinner. The funds raised from this fundraiser will be used for youth education and VBS. Please come out and support us and Carrabba's who have been incredibly supportive of our Sunday School and VBS programs.

Hugs and Blessings, Karen

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Adult Sunday school will meet this **Sunday, December 15, 2024, 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.

**ENGLISH CLASSES WITH WANDA:** 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 classes meet on Mondays at 11:00 am and Thursdays at 11:00 am in the Little House. Classes will meet this **Monday, December 16, 2024, at 11:00 am** and this **Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 11:00 am** in the Little House. **No classes will be held on December 24, 26, and 31, 2024 and on January 2, 2025.** Classes will resume on Monday, January 6, 2025. Please contact Wanda Klaas (klaas46@yahoo.com) for additional information

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA:** Classes will **not** meet on **Wednesday, December 18 & 25, 2024, and Wednesday, January 1, 2025.** Next class will be on Wednesday, January 8, 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.

**SINGING SAINTS REHEARSAL:** The Singing Saints will rehearse **Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 5:00 pm at Hugh's Home and Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 5:00 pm in the Choir Room.** Please contact Hugh Dial (863.557.8803 or dizzyfingers103@msn.com) if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome to come out and join the Singing Saints – we would love to have you be a part of this amazing group of singers!

**MEN'S RETIRED LUNCH BUNCH:** Due to the month of December being so busy, **we will not have the Men's Retired Lunch Bunch this month.** There is always so much going on during the month, so we will take a vacation during the month of December and meet in January 2025 instead. Thank you, Hugh Dial

**LADIES' LUNCHEON:** Due to the month of December being so busy, **we will not have the Ladies' Luncheon this month.** We will start back up in January 2025 and look forward to seeing all the ladies and their friends at January's luncheon. Thank you, Norma Sweeney

**I AM A SAFE PLACE MEETING:** Will be holding meetings on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at St. Matthias. The next meeting will be held on **Friday, December 27, 2024, at 9:00 am and again on Friday, January 3, 2025, at 5:00 pm in the Church Office in the Church Office.** I Am A Safe Place is a faith-based charitable organization anchored in Truth, Hope, Love, and Community. Our mission is to provide a safe, empowering, and supportive community environment through a network of support services in a judgement-free zone. We engage with nature and creativity using holistic modalities to facilitate healing and reconnect with other survivors and the larger community while raising awareness of Domestic Violence (DV), Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), Teen Dating Violence (TDV), and the stigma associated with trauma. A safe place to talk, a safe place to heal, a safe place to grow, a safe place to connect. Please contact Julia D'Arts at 407.491.2999 or info@iamasafeplace.com if you have any questions.

**SAVE-THE-DATE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, MINISTRY FAIR & POTLUCK:** Please join us on **Sunday, January 26, 2025,** for our Annual Parish Meeting, Ministry Fair, and Potluck Luncheon. We will hold **one service this Sunday at 10:00 am,** followed by the Annual Parish Meeting in the Sanctuary, with a Potluck Luncheon and Ministry Fair afterwards in the Parish Hall. We are asking all ministries, groups, guilds, and committees to gather up information about your different ministries and come out and share with the St. Matthias family. We are hoping everyone will participate and join in on the fun. Our goal is to spread awareness of the different programs at St. Matthias and grow our volunteer community. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** No, my friends, it is never too soon to start thinking about VBS. We will begin our meetings and planning in January 2025. The theme this coming summer is Desert and Jungle Safaris, Exploring the Miracles of Jesus, which will take place the week of July 14 thru 16, 2025. Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com) if you would like to be a part of this exciting VBS adventure!

## **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS**

### **Sunday School Classes**

Sundays in December

15<sup>th</sup> • 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:20 am

Little House

### **Sunday School Christmas Party**

#### **Cookie & Tree Decorating**

Sunday, December 22, 2024

12:15 pm

Parish Hall

### **Christmas Eve Services**

The Reverend James M. Dorn III, Celebrant

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

5:00 pm

*Family Service with Children's Skit*

7:00 pm

### **Christmas Day Service**

The Reverend Dr. Jane Clark, Celebrant

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

10:00 am

### **Christmas Lessons & Carols Service**

The Reverend James M. Dorn III, Celebrant

Sunday, December 29, 2024

10:00 am

One Service this Sunday Morning

### **Christmas Carol Sing Along**

Hugh D. Dial Jr., M.M., Organist & Choir Master

Sunday, December 29, 2024

11:00 am

**A/C REPLACEMENT DONATIONS AS OF**

**12.15.2024**

\$40,000.00 Loan Amount  
\$12,349.12 Total Donated  
\$27,650.88 Remaining Balance

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

and in Celebration of  
Tony & Tracy Morelli's Wedding Anniversary

and in Loving Memory of Kathy Marton  
Given with Love by Harry Barnes

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

and in Loving Memory of  
All the Immigrants from the Village of Riomaggiore  
Given with Love by Lidio Nembrotti

**ST. MATTHIAS CLASSIFIEDS**

Supporting & Connecting Our St. Matthias Family!

*(Don't forget to join in on the Naming Contest!)*

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