

This Week at St. Matthias

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 & Conversation – Parish Hall
 11:15 AM Rite II with Music – Sanctuary
 Nursery Care – Little House
 12:15 PM Sunday School Decorating & Pizza Lunch – Sanctuary

Monday, December 18

Hope Out of Office – Vacation Day

- 1:00 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room
 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Parish Hall

Tuesday, December 19

- 1:00 PM Refresh Group Meeting – Little House

Wednesday, December 20

- 2:00 PM Food Provider's of South Lake Meeting – Parish Hall
 4:00 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room/Sanctuary

Thursday, December 21

- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Parish Hall

Friday, December 22

Church Offices Closed

- 6:00 PM Altar Guild Team Four Set-Up – Sanctuary

Saturday, December 23

Church Offices Closed

Sunday, December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve

Church Offices Closed

- 10:00 AM Advent Lessons & Carols w/Communion – Sanctuary
 Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
 Nursery Care – Little House
 11:00 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall
 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service – Sanctuary
 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service – Sanctuary

Monday, December 25: Christmas Day

Church Offices Closed

- 10:00 AM Christmas Day Service – Sanctuary
 Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Zoom Only for this Meeting

Vestry Members

2024	Cindi Curtis, <i>Treasurer</i>	ninicurtis55@msn.com
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2025	Gloria Robinson	gloria.73ogr@gmail.com
2026	Maxine Hylton, <i>Jr. Warden</i>	maxhyl1@gmail.com
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ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
12.10.23	7:45 AM Sunday Service	19
12.10.23	9:30 AM Sunday Service	92
12.10.23	11:15 AM Sunday Service	30
	Total	141
	Online Views	35

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

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

The Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God

Those on Our Prayer List

Parish Family

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

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

Family & Friends

Patricia Ainlay	Jennifer Henderson	Sherrill Mizioch
June Berlund	Sharon Hess	Danny Nemeth
Gary Braner	Nicole Hess	Andrew Nickolaou
Marcia Brown	Mermaid 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 Jordan	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
Telecia Francis	Eleanor Meade	Richard Wolf
Emily Griffin		

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

12.17	Sharon Taylor	12.19	Carol Radovich
12.18	CZ Mathews	12.20	Juli Kessler
12.18	Marywynne Shattuck	12.20	Noel Kirton
12.19	Lelieth Miller	12.20	Rod Denslow
12.19	Ndidi Udokwu	12.21	Aurelia Longwater

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 12.17** Doug & Diane Gordon
12.21 Tony & Tracy Morelli

Those Who Have Died

Ms. Krisita Jackson
 Una France, *Edith France's sister*
 Suzanna Sensing, *parishioner & dear friend*

HOPE BLUME OUT OF OFFICE: Hope will be out of the office this coming **Monday, December 18, 2023, returning on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.** If you need immediate assistance, please contact Hannah Blume or Fr. Jim (352.394.3855).

2024 FLOWER & CANDLE CHARTS: The Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle charts for 2024 are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The cost for flowers is \$40.00 and Sanctuary Candle is \$5.00. Please be sure to print clearly and include all the information needed for the bulletin, in memory of, celebration or thanksgiving for, name or names of who they are being given for, and who they are being given by. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

2024 GIVING ENVELOPES & NUMBERS: Will be available for pick-up beginning on **Sunday, December 24, 2023,** in the Parish Hall. If you are new to St. Matthias and would like a giving number or envelopes, please contact Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com or 352.394.3855). If you have not done so already, please be sure to complete a membership form and if you would like to make a pledge for 2024, pledge cards and information are available at the Welcome Table. Questions regarding the 2024 stewardship campaign can be directed to Kim Hunt (404.216.1402 or kimhunt34711@gmail.com).

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.

COFFEE HELP NEEDED: We need one or two volunteers to assist with the making and serving of coffee during the Sunday Coffee & Conversation time. Our dear friend and faithful coffee server, Ray Arthurs, has decided to step down from coffee duty and is now looking for one or more volunteers to assist Peggy Hope on Sunday mornings. A gigantic thank you to Ray for his many, many years of faithful service! However, Ray is not leaving us, he will now enjoy being served coffee as he relaxes and conversates with everyone. Please contact Peggy Hope (352.988.7525) if you would like to assist with coffee duties on Sunday mornings.

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.

2023 GIVING: If you have pledge giving or other giving that you would like to have reflected on your 2023 Giving Statement, please be sure to have it to the Church no later than **Sunday, December 31, 2023.** Giving can be placed in the offering plate and boxes, or the locked mailbox in front of the Church Office (only staff can gain access). **Any giving provided after Sunday, December 31, 2023, will be counted for the 2024 giving year.** Please contact Hope Blume if you have any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION: Please join us today, **Sunday, December 17, 2023,** at 9:20 am in the Little House for Sunday School. Please also join us today after the 11:15 am service in the Sanctuary to decorate the tree for Christmas and enjoy a pizza lunch. We look forward to seeing you all there! 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.

SINGING SAINTS: Will rehearse this **Monday, December 18, 2023, at 1:00 pm** and this **Wednesday, December 20, 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.

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

FOOD PROVIDERS OF SOUTH LAKE MEETING: Will meet this **Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 2:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Keith Whitacre (952.239.5870) if you have any questions.

PET BLESSING POST EVENT MEETING: The Pet Blessing Post Event Meeting will take place on **Thursday, January 4, 2023, at 12:00 noon** in the Parish Hall. 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.

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 classes meet on Mondays at 10:30 am and Thursdays at 11:00 am in the Little House. Please contact Wanda Klaas (klaas46@yahoo.com) or Kathy Ridenour (kathyto8069@yahoo.com) for additional information. Classes will resume on **Monday, January 8, 2024, and Thursday, January 11, 2024.**

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The Women's Bible Study will take a break for the rest of 2023 and will resume classes on **Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

COME LET US SING TO THE LORD AND STUDY HANDEL'S MESSIAH: The group will take a break for the rest of 2023 and will resume on **January 10, 2024, 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. Please contact Hugh if you have any questions (863.557.8803 or dizzyfingers103@msn.com).

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & POTLUCK LUNCH: Will take place on, **Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 12:15 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Please contact Lorna Manny (352.250.6202) 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.

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)

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

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday School Classes

Sunday, December 17, 2023
9:20 am – Little House

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 be a Children's sermon.
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 be live streamed via Facebook.

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

Waterside Point Clubhouse

110 Honeymoon Island Way, Groveland 34736

Saturday, January 6, 2024

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Annual Parish Meeting & Potluck Lunch

Sunday, January 21, 2024

12:15 pm – Parish Hall

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.