

This Week at St. Matthias

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
Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service – Sanctuary
Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook

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

Tuesday, December 26

Church Offices Closed

No Events Scheduled for Today

Wednesday, December 27

Church Offices Closed

No Events Scheduled for Today

Thursday, December 28

Church Offices Closed

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

Friday, December 29

Church Offices Closed

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

Saturday, December 30

Church Offices Closed

No Events Scheduled for Today

Sunday, December 31

Church Offices Closed

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

Vestry Members

2024	Cindi Curtis, <i>Treasurer</i> Buddy Forehand	ninicurtis55@msn.com a4hand@aol.com
2025	Gloria Robinson	gloria.730gr@gmail.com
2026	Maxine Hylton, <i>Jr. Warden</i> Kim Hunt, <i>Stewardship Chair</i> Lorna Manny, <i>Sr. Warden</i> Elizabeth Nemeth, <i>Clerk</i>	maxhyl1@gmail.com kimhunt34711@gmail.com manny4215@yahoo.com edreis55@gmail.com
	Glen Martin, <i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	glenmartin286@gmail.com

ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
12.13.23	Blue Christmas Service	19
12.13.23	Blue Christmas Online Views	36
12.17.23	7:45 AM Sunday Service	20
12.17.23	9:30 AM Sunday Service	67
12.17.23	11:15 AM Sunday Service	30
	Total	117
	Online Views	81

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

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

12.24 Dale Powell
12.24 Jack Zimmer
12.29 Catherine Meginley

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

12.26 Darrel & Susan Kugler

Those Who Have Died

Robert Bucci, *Bibbi Farashian's cousin*
Una France, *Edith France's sister*
Suzanna Sensing, *parishioner & dear friend*

The Altar Flowers & Greens are given to the
Glory of God & St. Matthias Church
and in Loving Memory of Michael Armstrong
Given with Love by Linda Armstrong

The Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of Duane Curtis
Given with Love by Cindi Curtis

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Office will be closed beginning **Friday, December 22, 2023, and reopening on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.** If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Jim at rector@stmatthiasfl.com. All emails and voicemail messages will be answered when the office reopens on Tuesday, January 4, 2024.

VESTRY MEMBERS: If you would like to run for the Vestry, please contact Fr. Jim, our Sr. Warden Lorna Manny, or any current Vestry member. They will be happy to meet with you and answer any questions or concerns you may have. Vestry member contact details are listed on the front side of these announcements.

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: Are available for pick-up beginning today, **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@stmatthiasfl.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.

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.

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 (kathyt08069@yahoo.com) for additional information. Classes will resume on **Monday, January 8, 2024, at 10:30 am, and Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 11:00 am.**

REFRESH GROUP MEETING: The Refresh Group will meet **Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 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

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).

SINGING SAINTS: Will resume rehearsals on **Wednesday, January 10, 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.

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)

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS

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 on Sunday, December 31st

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.