The Catholic Community of St. Matthias

June 16, 2019
The Most Holy Trinity

Vacation Bible Camp—Sign up online. See below.

St. Matthias Carnival Survey — Please complete the 1 minute survey. See below.

Note: The Parish Office will be closed all day on Wednesday, due to a Parish Staff retreat.

Parish Office Hours: Mon-Thurs. (9 AM—9 PM), Fri (9 AM - 6PM) & Sat (9AM-1PM)
St. Matthias School (SMS): 732-828-1402; www.stmatthias.info
Religious Formation: 732-828-1400
Mass Schedule: Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM (sign language interpreted), 12 & 5:30 PM
Weekdays (Mon-Fri): 8 AM
Rite of Reconciliation
Saturday: 11 AM - 12 Noon

St. Matthias Vacation Bible Camp — Summer Sundays 2019!

Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed

July 8-12, 2019 (Monday-Friday)
Camper, Junior Volunteer, Good News Player, and Adult volunteer registration forms are now available online at www.stmatthias.net

All registration forms are also available at the Parish Office
Questions? Please call or email Dee Nann at the Parish Office, dnann@stmatthias.net

St. Matthias Carnival Survey
Give us your opinion! The Carnival Leadership Team has prepared a short survey to invite your feedback as we look to the future of the Carnival. The survey takes 1 minute to complete!

Whether you have volunteered at the Carnival or not, we ask everyone to complete the short survey by going to: www.stmatthias.net/connect/CarnivalSurvey, or just go to our website, www.stmatthias.net and click on the Carnival Survey tab. Thank you!
This Week at St. Matthias

Please visit our website for calendar updates: www.stmatthias.net/connect/calendar and click on “Agenda.”

From Our Pastoral Staff

Mid-June always presents itself in a rather bittersweet way. It is bitter because of the close of another school year, as well as the time when we are obliged to say good-bye to our eighth graders. The Class of 2019, comprised of forty-two young men and women, graduated on June 7th, and although it is sad to know that in September we will no longer see them in our school, we wish them well and pray for them as they begin their secondary education.

This time of the year is sweet, actually very sweet, for the students and teachers with the conclusion of the school year. The summer months ahead of us offer a time to renew and relax until we re-open in September. No matter what plans are made for July and August, it is enjoyable to have this time to do something different.

Likewise today, on this national holiday, we pray for our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and every other person who has taken on these roles in our lives. We salute them with the recognition and thanksgiving they deserve. Their love sustains us and guides us in following the message left by Jesus and found in our Gospel today, “Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that He will take from what is mine and declare it to you.” (JN 16:15)

While Father’s Day and the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity do not often fall on the same Sunday, we delight in this concurrence this year. God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are the foundation and example of the unity and love born in each of us at baptism. Whomever we call our earthly father, that person is a model of the love poured out to us in the tender way Saint Joseph showed his fatherly devotion and care to his foster child, Jesus — in the very way God the Father, the Son and Spirit live as one.

Finally, I want to THANK all of our benefactors and friends of Saint Matthias School. Whether it be a financial gift or remembrance in prayer or volunteering your time, our students are sincerely grateful. Please know that you are in our daily prayers for your amazing generosity.

A safe and happy summer to all,

Mr. J. Gidaro
Vice Principal
Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Jun 15  5:00PM  Father’s Day Intentions (No individual intentions)
Sunday, Jun 16  8:00AM  Father’s Day Intentions
10:00AM  Father’s Day Intentions
12:00PM  Father’s Day Intentions
5:30PM  Father’s Day Intentions
Monday, Jun 17  8:00AM  John Natale, by Suzanne & Jeff Adams
Tuesday, Jun 18  8:00AM  Martin Clemis, by Marion & Patty
Wednesday, Jun 19  8:00AM  Sr. Augusta, by The OSF Community
Thursday, Jun 20  8:00AM  Pasquale Vicinanza, by Linda & Lewis Cohen
Friday, Jun 21  8:00AM  Gary Karpinski, by Walter & Sally
Saturday, Jun 22  5:00PM  Intention of Parishioners
Sunday, Jun 16  8:00AM  Theresa Kosa, by Sister, Ann Ritchick
10:00AM  Maureen K. Bauchat, by Misuraca Family
12:00PM  Meghan Elizabeth Crilly, by The Enright Family
5:30PM  Joan Greig, by Tom & Annie Dupras

Pray for those who are getting married...

Stacy Straczynski & Nick Iannaccone—June 29
Linda Okoye & McKoy Fagan—June 30

Readings for the Week

Monday:  2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 97:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:  2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:  2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:  2 Cor 1:1-11; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
Friday:  2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:  2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday:  Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

Pray for those who are sick...

If you or a family member are sick, please call the Parish Office to add the name to this list. Names will be listed in the bulletin for 6 weeks. Please let us know when this time period needs to be extended. We want to know how you are doing and want to offer you the support of our prayers.

Robert Bachmann  Paul Haucke  Jim Pettit
Baby Genevieve Bonk  Bart Howley  Paul Rasimowicz
Marie Brody  Sandra Huseth  Frances Reavey
Ellen Catalina  Linda Jackson  Joseph Revolinsky
Frank Catalina  Jack Kenefick  Diane Rice
Mary Ellen Cuneo-Granizio  Edward Lubawicki, Sr.  Anne Ritchick
Mandy Cutshall  Al Maglio  Josephine Russo
Lisa DeFeo  Richard Manzo  Ralph Sands
Marie DeFeo  John Martinez  Philomena SanFilippo
Denise DeGeorge  Carol Millermann  Maria Schwenzer
Marion Fischer  Joan Mazzocco  Sr. Mary Amata Shina, OSF
Bianca Freda  Dot McLaughlin  Sr. Rosaria Shina, OSF
Ada Galdi  Gerdyn Moore  Sharon Sincoski
Marianne Gerace  Ellie Morehouse  Michael Sittek
Helen Geraghty  Ursula Morgenberger  Dennis Stuewe
Emma Gergely  Dave Moynihan  Jasmine Urzo
Rose Gessner  Vincent N. Naselli  Mona Wilson
Vera Golda  James Negovsky  Marvin Yudenfreund
Max Gonzalez  Patricia Nese  ...and for all who are homebound,
Fr. Doug Haefer  Segundo Nizama  elderly, in nursing care, or living with
Sharon Harlan  William Oberlander  chronic illness

Pray for those who have died...

Theresa Augustine  Josephine Russo
—“His mercy endures forever.” Chronicles 6:34
Sunday Reflections

Wisdom from a child’s mouth:

A priest went into a second-grade classroom of the parish school and asked, “Who can tell me what the Blessed Trinity means?” A little girl lisped, “The Blethed Twinty meath there are thwee perthmonth in one God.” The priest, taken aback by the lisp, said, “Would you say that again? I don’t understand what you said.” The little girl answered, “Y’not thuppoted to understhstand; ‘t’th a mynthtewy.”

Today is not the day for us:

Once a priest went to hear confessions in a mining community. He arrived at the mine where the men were working and the miners lined up for confession. The first one went in and told the priest how long it had been since his last confession. Then he said, “I can’t think of any sins, Father. I haven’t murdered anybody.” The priest said to him, “Look. Get out of here and make a good examination of conscience.” So the man stepped out. He turned to the others who were lined up and said, “It’s no good, boys, he is hearing only murder cases today.”

FATHER’S DAY GIFT?

The best gift a husband can give his wife is to love her more each day. Moreover, the best gift a wife can give her husband is to love him more each day.

Consider a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend as a combined Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day gift for the two of you! One participant said: “I went reluctantly to the Weekend but the support and encouragement of my husband intrigued me. I knew it took a lot for him to reach out to me this way and I couldn’t say no. The Weekend was transformative and the tools we learned on the weekend we use every day. The Weekend reminded us how special our love is for each other and how strong we really are together. What a blessing!”

Go online: www.wwme.org dates and locations near you. Also, see page 10 of this bulletin for local weekend in July.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY: “THE CARETAKER OF THE WELL!”

“. . . the Spirit of truth . . . will guide you to all truth.” John 16: 12-15

In the folklore of Haiti, there is a story about a severe drought on the island. All the streams dried up and the wells were parched. There was no place to get water. The animals met to discuss the situation and decided to ask God for help. God responded by creating a well that would provide unlimited water, as long as one of the animals would serve as the caretaker and welcome all who would come in need. The lizard Mabouya volunteered to be caretaker — but he soon became intoxicated with his newfound power. Mabouya became a gatekeeper, not a caretaker, and sent everyone in need away. Eventually, God replaced the lizard with the frog, who croaked to all, “Come! This is God’s well! The hole in the ground in yours, but the water belongs to God.”

Today’s Feast of the Holy Trinity calls us to realize the hand of God in every molecule of creation, in every cell of our being — life that God has brought into being out of a love so great and complete that we can hardly imagine it. Our only response to our creation and the world that sustains us is to humbly and gratefully acknowledge God’s goodness by becoming wellsprings of that goodness to one another, to make it possible for all our brothers and sisters to find their places at God’s table.

THE UNIVERSAL TESTIMONY

A good illustration of the Trinity comes from world-renowned scientist Dr. Henry Morris. He notes that the entire universe is Trinitarian by design. The universe consists of three things: matter, space, and time. Take away any one of those three and the universe would cease to exist. But each one of those is itself a trinity. Matter = mass + energy + motion. Space = length + height + breadth. Time = past + present + future. Thus the whole universe testifies to the character of the God who made it (cf. Psalm 19:1).

The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature. Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine which teaches that 1+1+1 = 1 and not 3. But we believe in this Mystery because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it, and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith.
TRINITY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

a) The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38), describes how God the Father sent the angel Gabriel to Mary to announce to her that God the Holy Spirit would “overshadow” her, and that God the Son would be made flesh in her womb.

b) During the baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:16-17), the Holy Spirit was shown descending on Jesus in the form of a Dove, while the Voice of God the Father was heard from the clouds.

c) John (Chapters 15 through 18), presents the detailed teaching of Jesus on the Persons of the Holy Trinity.

d) In the preaching mission given by the risen Lord to his disciples, Jesus commanded them to baptize people “in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Confer also Matthew 28:19; John 10:30).

Marriage Tune-Up

How do you get your spouse to really talk? Try pulling out their high school yearbook, your wedding album, or family videos and look at them together. Ask stuff like “What was your favorite memory?” or “What did you like most about that?”

Parenting Tune-Up

"The Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth." (John 16:13) We humans may be tempted to lie, or at least bend the truth, when we are afraid. Talk with your child about times when it might be hard to tell the truth. Perhaps share a time that was difficult for you.

The Undertaker

There is an old story about a henpecked husband who went to a psychologist. He was tired of being dominated by his wife. The psychologist told him, “You do not have to accept your wife’s bullying. You need to go home right now and let her know that you’re your own boss.” The husband decided to take the doctor’s advice. He went home and slammed the door on the way in. He confronted his wife and said, “From now on you’ll do what I say. Get my supper, then go upstairs and lay out my clothes. After I eat, I’m going out with the boys while you stay home. By the way, do you know who is going to tie my tie for me?” “I sure do,” said his wife calmly, “the undertaker.”

Some marriages are filled with conflict. So are some offices. Unfortunately, some churches are filled with conflict as well. The feast of the Holy Trinity challenges us to cultivate the Trinitarian relationship of love and unity in our families and offices and parishes.

I’m Surprised at You

An English teacher of a 21st student sophomore high school class put a small chalk dot on the blackboard. He then asked the class what it was. A few seconds passed and then someone said, “That is a chalk dot on the blackboard.” The rest of the class seemed relieved that the obvious had been stated, and no one else had anything to say. “I’m surprised at you,” the teacher told the class. “I did the same exercise yesterday with a group of kindergartners and they thought of 50 different things the chalk mark could be: an owl’s eye, a cigar butt, the top of a telephone pole, a star, a pebble, a squashed bug, a rotten egg, a bird’s eye, and so on.”

The older students had learned how to find a right answer, but had lost the ability to look for more than one right answer. The Holy Spirit helps us, in His wonderful Wisdom, to see more than we might have been by ourselves. The Spirit’s vision allows us wonderful options for expansion and new possibilities. Life Everlasting.

The Father’s Blessing

Gary Smalley, popular author and psychologist, asked 100 people, “What is one specific way you knew that you had received your parents’ blessing?” Here are some of those answers:

1. “My father would put his arm around me at church and let me lay my head on his shoulder.”
2. “When my father was facing being transferred at work, he purposely took another job so that I could finish my senior year in high school at the same school.”
3. “When I wrecked my parent’s car, my father’s first reaction was to hug me and let me cry instead of yelling at me.”
4. “When I was thirteen, my dad trusted me to use his favorite hunting rifle when I was invited to go hunting with a friend and his father.”
5. “My father went with me when I had to take back an ugly dress a saleswoman had talked me into buying.”
6. “My father would let me practice pitching to him for a long time when he got home from work.”
7. “Even though I had never seen him cry before, my father cried during my wedding because he was going to miss me no longer being at home.”

Happy Father’s Day!
Please Volunteer …

Eucharistic Ministers Needed for Homebound and Nursing Homes

We have many parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes who are asking for us to bring them Holy Communion.

Would you consider this ministry?

We would schedule you for ONE SUNDAY A MONTH. If you feel you are able to bring Jesus to homebound contact: Sister Marie Therese, 732-828-1400 x114. msherwood@stmatthias.net

Are You Being Called to the Diaconate?

The Diocese is looking for men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A new diaconate formation class will begin in spring 2020. Applications for that class will be accepted near the end of this summer.

A General Information Meeting is being conducted at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 7:30 PM. If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, and you believe you are being called to this ministry, you, your wife and pastor are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

If you have any questions or would like to explore this further, please feel free to contact Fr. Abraham or Deacon Russ or Deacon John, or the Diocese Diaconate Office (732-562-2423). If you plan to attend, RSVP to the Diocese Diaconate Office.

If you have general questions about the Diaconate, a helpful list of “Frequently Asked Questions” may be found at: http://usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/diaconate/faq.cfm

Development of the Doctrine of the Trinity

The oldest doctrinal formulation of the Church’s belief in the Trinity is found in the Apostles’ Creed which has served both as the basis of instruction for catechumens and as the Baptismal confession of faith since the second century. Later, the Nicene Creed, originating at the Council of Nicaea (AD 325), stated the doctrine more explicitly. The regional council of Toledo introduced this creed into our Western liturgy in AD 589. God has revealed to us three separate functions that are carried out by the Three Persons. He has told us that it is proper to attribute to God the Father the work of Creation, to God the Son the work of Redemption and to God the Holy Spirit the work of Sanctification.

Our knowledge of God as Trinity is made possible by God, Who has chosen to reveal Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As Father, God has brought forth the created universe, including our own being. As Son, Jesus has made known a God who hears our cries, who cares, who counts the hairs on our head and who loves us so passionately that He became one of us in order to suffer for our sins, and even to die for us. As Spirit, God remains with us and within us.

Did You Lose Something in Church?

Check our Lost & Found (the first confessional as you walk in from the Breezeway.) We have many items there, including a Bible in Kiswahili. If you have misplaced something, please check to see if it is there. Thanks!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Kit

We invite YOU to borrow a travelling image of Our Lady of Guadalupe for YOUR home for one week. Included in our “St. Matthias Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer/Rosary Kit” is an image of Our Lady, a crucifix, rosaries, a candle and a prayer guide. To reserve one of our 3 “Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Kits,” go to www.stmatthias.net/connect/rosary
Discovering God: Formation
St. Matthias School (PreK3 through 8th grade) is Now Accepting Applications for 2019-2020

Take a tour of our wonderful school!
Visit www.stmatthias.net and click on the “Admissions” tab for more information.

Being Good Stewards

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Stewardship Reflection—Jun 16, 2019
The Most Holy Trinity
“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth...” (John 16:13)

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know and live the truth. To prepare ourselves, we need to open our hearts to receive this gift before we can give it. Develop a daily prayer routine. Talk and listen to the Holy Spirit. This is best done in silence, when we can hear His response.

Reflexiones—16 de junio de 2019
Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad
"Pero cuando venga, el Espíritu de verdad, Él te guiará a toda la verdad...” (JUAN 16:13)

Being Good Stewards

Bishop’s Annual Appeal

To date, the Diocese Office has received pledges totaling $136,881.19 and payments totaling $127,943.21 from 334 parishioners. This represents 79.6% of your $172,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

Caring for Others

If You Are Sick In The Hospital... call the Catholic chaplain on call:

Saint Peters Univ. Hospital, 732-745-8565; Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital - 732-828-3000, x8504
JFK Medical Center, 732-321-7000, x7512; RWJ University Hospital Somerville - 908-685-2200, x2425; Morristown Memorial Hospital, 973-971-5000 x5170. To be visited by a St. Matthias pastoral minister, call the Parish Office.

St. Matthias Meal Brigade for Fr. Abraham

If you would be willing to prepare a dinner meal for Fr. Abraham, please sign up by going to our website, www.stmatthias.net/connect/meals and click on the link. Meals should be placed in the Cooler on the Rectory porch. The Rectory — 166 JFK Blvd. — is the house next door to the Parish Office. Fr. Abraham has no dietary restrictions. Anything you prepare will be greatly appreciated!

A Message of Gratitude

Our St. Vincent dePaul Society is grateful for the generosity of parishioner JAN KUSIAK and the "AMERICAN EOHS TEAM" who assembled and donated 12 bicycles to our Society. Our members have been distributing the bicycles to children whose families are having financial difficulties. The children are overjoyed to receive the gift of a bicycle! Jan Kusiak is an Associate EOHS Manager at Colgate-Palmolive in Piscataway.

Catholic Charities Connections Program Needs Volunteers

Volunteers, both men and women, are needed for one-to-one activities as mentors for children who have suffered loss or who have special needs in Middlesex County and Franklin Township. If you have a minimum of 3 hours a week to offer a child, like having fun, want to make a difference in child’s life, and enjoy being a positive role model, contact Jeanette Cullen, 732-738-1323.

Catholic Charities Donations Box

Please consider supporting our local poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, shoes, household items and small appliances to Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen. A donation box is located near the back entrance to our church parking lot. If you have an item that is too big to fit in a donation box, call 877-343-3651 to arrange for a free pick up at your home.

US Dioceses Are Asking That You Please Contact Congress re: “Born Alive” Bill

Some states are proposing laws to expand abortion and repeal laws providing specific protections for babies who are born alive after a late-term abortion is unsuccessfully attempted.

A proposed bill was introduced in Congress to save the lives of these babies who are born alive. It is called the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act" (Senate-311/House of Representatives-962). The Senate did not pass the bill, but it is now up for vote in the House of Representatives. Please tell your Representative that ALL newborn babies deserve care and a chance for life! It is hoped that if the House passes the bill, then the Senate will revisit it and possibly approve it.

You may contact your Representative directly by visiting https://www.house.gov/representatives
Or you may text ALIVE to 50457 or visit: www.babiesbornalive.com You will receive a reply to the text with a link with a prepared message. You will enter your information and hit "send." It only takes 2 minutes. Thank you.
Connecting with Our Local Community

Vatican International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World
Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 100 James St., So. River, NJ 08882

June 22, 23, 24, 2019
from 4:00PM- 12Midnight

With an extensive assortment of photographs & historical descriptions, the exhibit presents some of the principal Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Church. By means of the panels, one can “virtually visit” the places where the miracles took place.

Diocese of Metuchen Awakening Year – Personal Consecration Opportunity

Looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed? Looking to develop a deeper relationship with Our Lord? Want to grow in holiness, but are too busy? Set aside just 15 minutes a day for nine days during this Awakening Year to deepen your faith and make a consecration on a personal level to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe. Read, reflect and pray daily with the story of Our Lady and St. Juan Diego. On the ninth day, you are invited to pray the personal consecration prayer, committing yourself to be an active Catholic and sharing your Catholic faith with others. This consecration is easy to fit in your schedule! Just pick the nine days to do this individually or get a small group together! Personal Consecration Booklets are available for $3 each plus shipping. To order a booklet, call (732)529-7932. Visit: www.lightingheartsonfire.org, click on prayers, select Personal Consecration and begin today!

Prayer and Support for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues
July 3, Aug.7, Sept.4, Oct.2, Nov.6 and Dec.4

A Catholic Prayer & Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues will take place at St. Patrick’s Church in Belvidere, NJ. Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the nation’s largest grassroots organization on mental illness, will serve as the facilitator. It is our hope that our newly formed support group will offer spiritual support and many beneficial tips on how to cope with the health issue that continues to be misunderstood in our culture. Call 732-765-6432 or email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

28 de Julio al 4 de agosto, 2019 - UNA SEMANA DE EJERCICIOS ESPIRITUALES DIRIGIDO

Ejercicios Espirituales Dirigidos consisten en personas que se reúnen con un Director Espiritual, cada uno en privado sin recibir charlas, solo siguiendo las Sagradas Escrituras y la Dirección del Director Espiritual en español. Iniciamos el 28 de Julio con la cena a 6:00 pm y finalizamos el 4 de agosto después del desayuno y la eucaristía, aproximadamente a 10:00 am. Además de reunirse diariamente con un Director Espiritual, el retiro incluye eucaristías diarias, sacramento de la reconciliación, la unción de los enfermos y un tiempo largo para la oración en privado. Directores Espirituales: Rev. Kirk Reynolds, S.J. y Hna. Verónica Méndez, RCD

Volunteer at www.stmatthias.net/connect/carnival

www.stmatthias.net
**Connecting with Our Local Community**

**Mother Seton Regional HS**
One Valley Rd., Clark, NJ 07066
732-382-1952

**SUMMER AT MSR!**
SETON SPORTS CAMPS – From June to August
HELLO HIGH SCHOOL – July 15-19: 9:00 am.-12:00 noon
SETON SUMMER ACADEMY – July 22-26: 8:45-3:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE www.motherseton.org
The Future is Hers

**Mount St. Mary House of Prayer**
Registration required; 908-753-2091 or msmhope@msmhope.org

“I, TOO, DISLIKE IT”
So begins Marianne Moore’s delightful commentary on the nature of poetry. In this lively, interactive program, we’ll look at the works of Billy Collins, James Wright, Natasha Trethewey, Kay Ryan, and Robert Frost to illustrate what makes this art form so likable. We’ll celebrate the joy of language used with such passion and intensity that it may inspire your own writing. Lunch is included.
Sat, Jun 29, 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m. ($45-$55 as you are able)

**Employment Opportunity — Director of the St. Francis Center for Renewal**
St Francis Center for Renewal, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017
610.867.8890, www.StFrancisCfr.org

St. Francis Center for Renewal seeks a new Director to provide overall creative vision and empowering leadership for the operation, growth, and advancement of the mission of St. Francis Center for Renewal. For a more detailed description, qualifications, and salary information visit our Facebook page or contact St. Francis Center.

**Marriage Encounter**

**Heart burning within you? Where are you going?**
**Quo Vadis Days**
June 25-27, 2019

Young men, ages 14-17, are invited to spend three days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. These days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For information, please email quovadis@diometuchen.org

**About St. Matthias**

**Parish Registration**
Welcome new members! Please register in the Parish Office during business hours — 9 AM—9 PM Mon-Thurs, 9 AM—8PM Fri., and 9 AM - 1 PM Sat.

**Homebound/Hospital Visitaton**
We visit St. Peter’s & Robert Wood Johnson Hospital several times weekly. If you have a family member in any area hospital, please call the parish office to let us know.

**Baptism**
Baptismal Preparation Sessions are held four times a year for registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office before the baby is born. The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, except during Lent.

**Marriage**
Registered parishioners should contact the parish office a year before the desired wedding date.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**
The RCIA process is an opportunity for instruction and spiritual transformation for any adult seeking a deeper understanding of the Catholic tradition or full incorporation into the Catholic Church. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist, please call the Parish Office.

**Spiritual Direction**
If you would like to explore spiritual direction, please call the Parish Office.

**Stewardship**
Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all our blessings by returning a portion of the time, talent and treasure allotted to us. Whether it is clothes for the poor, food for the hungry, outreach to youth, in education, in worship, or simply arms stretched out to someone who is lonely, the Catholic Community of St. Matthias encourages everyone to become stewards of the gifts they have been given by God, returning a portion in gratitude to God for the work of ministry here at St. Matthias and beyond our local community.

**Outreach**
As a parish community we are committed to live the stewardship way of life and share our Sunday collection with several non-profits including: The Eumusoi Center in Tanzania (Sr. Mary Vertucci, Maryknoll Sister); Better Community Housing of Trenton; Hands Together; Franklin Food Bank; St. Vincent de Paul Society; The Center for Great Expectations; Resource Center for Women and Their Families; Action Pregnancy Center; Elijah’s Promise; Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County; Corpus Christi & Epiphany Parishes, New Orleans (Rev. Roderick Coates).

**Monthly Food Collection**
On the first Sunday of each month parishioners are asked to bring food items for the Franklin Food Bank.

**St. Matthias School**
St. Matthias School is a prekindergarten(s)-8 grade school rooted in faith, inspired by love, and dedicated to academic excellence. School hours are 8:30am-2:30pm. Before and After School Care Programs are available. Come visit! Contact 732-828-1402 to schedule a tour.

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