June 2, 2019
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Please bring food for the Franklin Food Bank today.

Discover St. Matthias—TODAY after 10AM Mass
Honoring Senior Altar Servers—TODAY at 12PM Mass
SMS Baccalaureate Mass—TODAY at 5:30PM Mass
Rosary Altar Society Meeting—Friday after 8AM Mass. See pg 4.
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Kit—See page 4.
Vacation Bible Camp—Sign up online. See page 6.

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
Saturday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM (sign language interpreted), 12 & 5:30 PM
Weekdays (Mon-Fri): 8 AM
Rite of Reconciliation
Saturday: 11 AM — 12 Noon

Catholic Gear.com, a religious shop on wheels, will be at St. Matthias for all Masses on Sunday, June 9. Mark Maher ran Trinity Church Goods, a Catholic shop in Raritan for 13 years, and has now morphed it into Catholic Gear.com — a mobile retail truck that travels around the diocese.

Maher said he hopes this “evangelization on wheels” will enable him to connect with even more people than a brick-and-mortar store. “The world is changing, and people’s buying habits are changing,” he said. “Rather than waiting for people to come to the store, I decided I am going to bring the store to them.” The tagline on the side of the walk-in 26-foot truck reads “Catholic gifts for your journey here on earth.” Maher said he chose the blue colors for the graphic design to represent both Our Lady and the waters of baptism. This “food truck for the soul” is stocked with many basic as well as seasonal religious items: Bibles, books, catechisms, prayer cards, rosaries, jewelry, crucifixes and gifts. Come and shop on Sunday, June 9, and support a great ministry!
From Our Pastoral Staff

About a year ago, during a pastoral staff mini-retreat, Fr. Bill introduced us to the song, *When The World Turned Upside Down* from the musical *Finding Neverland*. During the months that followed, that song took on new meaning as it seemed that our own world, at least in our parish, really had turned upside down.

Nearly 2,000 years ago, the disciples must have also felt that their world had turned upside down. In this weekend’s readings, we realize that they (and we) are still in the “inbetween” time. Jesus has died and is Risen. But Christ’s Spirit has not yet come. Pentecost is still a week away.

This “inbetween” time, a time of waiting, can be very uncomfortable. We have survived something very difficult, disheartening, and for some, possibly faith-shattering. Yet we believe the Good News -- the promise that Christ is Risen and that the Spirit is truly with us, guiding us to a new beginning.

On an international level, our own Catholic Church is also experiencing an “inbetween” time. We are moving from a time of crisis to a time of beginning anew. In one sense, Pope Francis is turning the world upside down with his consultative process that is leading to a reorganization of the Curia at the Vatican. The new structure puts mercy above doctrine. This is truly a radical, earth-shattering change. Yet this new way of thinking is actually a return to our roots as a faith community. Currently, all of the bishops’ conferences around the world are sending their feedback to the Vatican, and the new structure may be announced as early as June.

In a May 28, 2019 article, *Beneath The Present Crisis*, in *La Croix International*, Fr. Michael Kelly, SJ, proposes that “the soon to be delivered revision of the structure of the Vatican...asks people who’ve always done things one way to look at doing them differently.” He continues, “The resistance to what is being created...is occurring because too many can’t think outside the box and imagine they have anything to learn...”

This pattern of earth-shattering events, followed by an “inbetween” time, and then finally by a time of awareness of a new beginning, happens over and over in our lives on many different levels. The Good News is that God is always with us. Pentecost really did happen 2,000 years ago and we can totally trust that God loves us, guides us, and will never leave us alone.

As we wait with the early disciples for our parish to continue healing and living into a new beginning, and as we wait for Pope Francis who “is evangelical and prophetic rather than doctrinal and administrative” to announce the new Vatican structure and continue the process of transformation, we know beyond a doubt that we can count on the Spirit to continue guiding us.

Ana V. Kelly
Pastoral Associate
Mass Intentions for the Week

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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          Bart Howley          Paul Rasimowicz
Baby Genevieve Bonk      Sandra Huseeth       Frances Reavey
Marie Brody              Linda Jackson        Joseph Revolinsky
Ellen Catalina           Jack Keneffick      Diane Rice
Frank Catalina           Dominic Lanciano     Josephine Russo
Mary Ellen Cuneo-Granazio Edward Lubowicki, Sr. Ralph Sands
Mandy Cutshall           Al Maglio           Philomena SanFilippo
Lisa DeFeo               Richard Manzo       Maria Schwenzer
Denise DeGeorge          John Martinez        Sr. Mary Amata Shina, OSF
Marion Fischer           Joan Mazzacco        Sr. Rosaria Shina, OSF
Bianca Freda             Dot McLaughlin       Michael Sitek
Ada Galdi                Gerdyn Moore         Jasmine Urzo
Marianne Gerace          Ellie Morehouse      Mona Wilson
Helen Geraghty           Ursula Morgenberger  Marvin Yudenfriend
Emma Gergely             Dave Mohnihan       ...and for all who are homebound, elderly, in nursing care, or living with chronic illness
Rose Gessner             Vincent N. Naselli    
Vera Golda               James Negvesky
Max Gonzalez             Patricia Nese
Fr. Doug Haeferner       Segundo Nizama
Sharon Harlan            William Oberlander   
Paul Haucke               

Pray for those who have died...

Mary Indyk               —“His mercy endures forever.” Chronicles 6:34
A Catholic priest received a call from a woman who was quite upset over the death of her pet dog, Homer. She wanted the priest to conduct the funeral service for the dog at her backyard. The priest refused to do it but referred her to a Presbyterian pastor down the street. The woman thanked the priest and then asked him, “Father, how much should I give him as a donation… will a $1000 be sufficient?” The pastor’s reply was: “Wait a minute. Why didn’t you tell me that it was a Catholic dog?” 😊

A Baptist and a Methodist crash-landed on a desert island and they are the only ones there. The Methodist got real worried and said, “I don’t think they’ll ever find us. We didn’t have a chance to radio where we are. They’ll never find us.” The Baptist just looked very calm and said, “They will find us.” The Methodist asked, “How are you so confident they are going to find us?” And the Baptist said, “Well, I make $400,000 a year and I’m a tither. My preacher is going to find me.” 😊

**CATHOLIC VIEW OF NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS**

If you have seen the academy award winning film Gandhi, you may remember the scene where Gandhi is caught in the middle of intense conflict between Muslims and Hindus. He defuses the situation by saying, “I am a Muslim, and a Hindu, and a Christian, and a Jew.” This is a wonderful attitude to take, so long as it affirms the unique identities and contributions of each tradition and so long as it is a recognition of unity amid diversity rather than a superficial homogenizing of the various faiths. Without denying his own Hindu faith, Gandhi was respectful of other faiths. Similarly, Christians in particular may need to begin paying more serious attention to other major religions of the world. Many folks are so ignorant of anything beyond the Judeo-Christian tradition that when they do run into another faith-system they are immediately swept off their feet. It is unfortunate that they become so infatuated with the new...
found religion that they abandon Christianity.

On the other hand, we need to avoid the extreme of considering all religions as bad — like the attitude expressed by a group of parents who wanted The Diary of Anne Frank banned from the classroom because it seemed to approve of all religions without upholding the superiority of Christianity! The Vatican II document says that the Catholic Church “rejects nothing of what is true and holy” in the non-Christian religions and, in fact, has a high regard for anything which may “reflect a ray of that truth which enlightens all men.” Then what is the uniqueness of Christianity? While respecting the goodness found elsewhere, we Catholics believe that the fullness of God’s revelation is found in and through Jesus Christ and His Church.

PREPARE FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST!

We are in the period after the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into heaven (40th day after Resurrection), but before the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (50th day after Resurrection). Pentecost Sunday is celebrated to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit, realizing that life, breath and energy live in believers. John 20:19-23 shows the core of the message about our risen Savior supernaturally appearing to the fear-laden disciples. Their fear gave way to joy when the Lord showed them His hands and side. He assured them peace and repeated the command given in Matthew 28:19-20, saying, “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” Then He breathed on them, and they received the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-23).

In Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis reminds us how at Pentecost the Holy Spirit ‘made the Apostles go forth’. We recall how the Apostles had been in the Upper Room for nine days since the Ascension of Our Lord, ‘joined in continuous prayer’ waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps this too can be our starting point. It has been a long tradition to follow the example of the Apostles, to pray the Pentecost Novena – nine days of prayer – calling on the Holy Spirit to refresh the Church in its mission to the world. Here is a traditional prayer:

Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God,
who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise
and ever enjoy His consolations,
through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

ST. JOHN PAUL II CALLED FOR UNITY

Jesus’ prayer for love and unity inspired Pope St. John XXIII in his desire to call a Council to help break down divisions among contemporary followers of Jesus.

In his encyclical on ecumenism, Ut Unum Sint (1995), Pope St. John Paul II cites Jn. 17:21-22 at least five times, stressing that the unity “which the Lord has bestowed on his Church and in which he wishes to embrace all people...stands at the very heart of Christ’s mission” (No. 9), and he urges common prayer to overcome the “painful reality” of Christian division (No. 22). In the same encyclical, Pope St. John Paul II also gives three reasons for Christian unity - first, all Christians should be obedient to Christ’s prayer that “all may be one”; second, it is important to honor the call of the Second Vatican Council; third, the effective evangelization of the world depends on the united witness of Christians, for division among Christian believers damages our credibility. The Pope does warn against the dangers of compromise for the sake of unity, for “compromise is a contradiction with God who is Truth [70.1]."
Celebrating Our Faith: Liturgy (continued)

We Will Celebrate the Following Senior Altar Servers

TODAY at the Noon Mass

Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8

Jason Abraham
Kyla Achacon
Bethany Barber
Jalen Bulliat
Francesca Fazio
Alencia Felix
Ricky Francese
Morgan Frazee
Sydney Gero
Jasmine Gruenewald
Sean Healy
Joseph Lecitra
Brendan McCann
Jolisa Ramos
Sybille Rateau
Lilah Silar
Danielle Trovato
Matthew Vergel
Marcus Woodard

Pope Francis said in his August 4, 2015 audience with 9,000 altar servers at St. Peter’s Square in the Vatican, “Serving at the altar is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus, which in turn enables you to open yourselves to others, to journey together, to set demanding goals and to find the strength to achieve them.”

Many years ago, our senior altar servers answered the call to serve. Please join us as we celebrate them upon their graduation this spring from high school, and as we bid them farewell with prayer and thanksgiving.

To Our Beloved St. Matthias Senior Servers. As you go, please take with you these wise words from the Pontiff:

“The closer you are to the altar, the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer; the more you will be nourished by the Word and the body of the Lord, the better able you will be to go out to others, bringing them the gift that you have received, giving in turn with enthusiasm the joy you have received.”

Pastoral Council Commissioning

next Sunday, at the 10 AM Mass

Next Sunday, we will commission our new Pastoral Council for 2019/2020. We welcome our new members: Lorraine Farr, Anne Marie Francis, Claudine Langrin, and Marybeth Purcell. In addition, Tom Phalen and Nick Grippo will become the co-chairs for 2019/2020.

We would also like to thank Marge Richards and Barbara Sury for their three years of ministry on the Pastoral Council.

May Baptisms

The Catholic Community of St. Matthias welcomes the following children who were baptized in March. We support them with prayers and ask their parents to nurture them so they can grow to be faith-filled people of God and our parish community.

Aria Grace Augatis
Theo Augustus Kronstadt
Payton Grace Piazzolla
Janelle Lenor Ramos
Kayci Elliot Robinson
Izaiah Evan Taylor

Discovering God: Formation

St. Matthias Vacation Bible Camp
— Summer Sundays 2019!

Digging for Treasure:
Parables Revealed

July 8-12, 2019
(Monday-Friday)

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Weekly Reflection
E-Mail Blast

Did you know that St. Matthias has a short, weekly reflection sent out by email called “Midweek Email Blast”? Sign up by going to our website, www.stmatthias.net, clicking on the tab at the top, and then clicking on “signup.” Each week, the Email Blast includes a short reflection by Fr. Henry.
Stewardship Totals for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

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Collection for Development of People: $1,008

Stewardship Reflection— Jun 2, 2019
Ascension of the Lord

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” -Revelations 22:13

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it should influence how I make all my daily decisions.

A Thank You from the Sponsoring Ministries of the Adelaide Vertucci Tea/Luncheon

The Adelaide Vertucci Tea/Luncheon Committee expresses heartfelt gratitude to all the supporters of the Scholarship Luncheon on April 28th. Thanks to your generosity (monetary, food, attendance, talent) we achieved the goal of the two scholarships for our two Emusoi girls.

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 (page 1)

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!

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,
Building Community

St. Matthias Carnival 2019

After a rocky, soggy start, the 2019 St. Matthias Carnival took off on Friday, May 17. As all of you know, it takes many, many people to make this happen and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the many who gave generously of their time, talent and treasure.

First, we would like to thank Father Abraham and the staff of the church and school who cooperated with our many requests cheerfully and promptly. So many times, we called with an urgent problem and you stepped up to make things happen. A special recognition goes to the custodial staff led by Julio and Wayne our grounds chair. These men anticipated many of our needs, worked tirelessly and made our work much easier. To our individual chair people who made the food, games, security, parking, tickets and a dozen more areas run smoothly, you are the backbone of this event and instrumental in any success we achieve. Our sign sponsors and other benefactors make it possible to finance the startup costs of the carnival.

One company deserves a special recognition and that is the Miklos Tree and Landscaping Company. When they were aware that our field was so terribly damaged from the trucks and rain, they came unsolicited to level the land over two full days. They have saved us a great deal of money, time and stress.

Finally, we thank you, our beloved parishioners, who came to work or attend this event. While the purpose of the Carnival is to raise funds for the parish, it also serves to connect with the community and provide an experience that is fun and unifying. We are thankful to all parishioners for your understanding about the relocation of the carnival rides that caused parking and pedestrian headaches. We hope that this can be avoided in the future!

So as we take a short break from thinking about carnival business, know that we are grateful and thankful to be a part of this great community.

Yours in Christ,

Bill and Pat Cullen, Vickie Bartizal Jo-Ann Piagentini

Carnival Leadership Team 2019
Our next Discover St. Matthias is **TODAY, June 2 after the 10:00 AM Mass** in the Reconciliation Room in the Church Lobby.

Our Welcoming Ministry invites you to learn more about your Parish, it’s history and the many ministries and groups connected to it by coming to our next Discover St. Matthias. This is a great way to connect names to some of the faces you see weekly and to ask any questions you may have.

We welcome and encourage all recent parishioners to join us at our June event. Questions and RSVP’s should be sent to stmatthiaswelcome@gmail.com.

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**Building Community**

**SMS GOLF OUTING**

**Save the Date for the BEST Golf Outing of the season!**

**Friday, June 14th, 2019**

8am shot-gun start

Rutgers University Golf Course, Piscataway. Breakfast and lunch included.

Contact Beth Lubowicki [beth@stmatthiasnj.org](mailto:beth@stmatthiasnj.org) or 732-828-1400 x131 for more information.

Please consider one of many sponsorship levels. All proceeds go directly to St. Matthias School!

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**Connecting with Our Local Community**

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Reach us at info@snyders-farm.com

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**Festa di San Antonio**

Good Shepherd Parish of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary

625 Florida Ave., Hopelawn section of Woodbridge

The parish is hosting its annual *Festa di San Antonio* honoring St. Anthony on Saturday, **June 15th from Noon to 7PM** in Msgr. Gambino Hall. The day will include Italian food and desserts (eat in/take out), raffles, activities, music, vendors, games for children and more. Elevator service is available. Festa-goers are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the parish food pantry.

For information call (732) 826-4859 or visit [www.goodshepherdpanj.org](http://www.goodshepherdpanj.org). Thank you for your support.
Connecting with Our Local Community

34th Annual Lebanese Festival
Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church
526 Easton Ave. (corner of Franklin Blvd), Somerset, NJ. (732)-828-2055.

34th ANNUAL LEABANESE FESTIVAL – June 7-9, 2019
St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Friday 6-10:00 pm, Sat. noon -11pm, Sunday noon -10 pm
Free Admission & Free Parking - Live Music & Dancing
Lebanese Food & Pastries – Vegan & Gluten free options available
Games, Rides & Crafts – www.saintsharbelnj.org

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.–3p.m. ($45-$55 as you are able)
Presenter: Dr. Carolyn Martin

Marriage Encounter

Sisters of Christian Charity Piano Concert
Sunday, Jun. 9, 1:15PM
The Sisters of Christian Charity invite you to one-to-a-kind experience with concert pianist, Thomas Pandolfi on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at Mallinckrodt Convent, 350 Bernardsville Rd, Mendham, NJ. Thomas will give a pre-concert talk at 1:15 and the concert will begin at 2:00 pm with a reception to follow. For more information or to register, visit our website at www.scceast.org/thomas-pandolfi-concert or contact Casey Dolan at 973-230-5355 or dev.director@scceast.org. We hope you will join us for what is sure to be an amazing afternoon!

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 quo vadis@diometuchen.org

Prayer and Support for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues
June 5, 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

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 Emusli 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; Eliah’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 is a prekindergarten (age 3) through 8th grade school rooted in faith, inspired by love, and dedicated to academic excellence. School hours are 8:05am–2:30pm. Before and After School Care Programs are