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This Week at St. Matthias

From Our Pastoral Staff

This Sunday we hear one of the more “famous” Gospel stories, so to speak: The multiplication of the loaves and fishes.

Jesus takes but a few loaves of bread and a few fish and manages to feed a crowd of over five thousand. And there was food left over.

I’m sure we can all remember a time in our lives when we were hungry, but for whatever reason there wasn’t any food for us to eat. Jesus didn’t want these people who had followed him to feel hungry. My sisters and brothers, Jesus doesn’t want us to be hungry. He wants to satisfy our spiritual hunger.

This episode of the loaves and fishes was a precursor of the Last Supper when Jesus had the first Eucharist — when He broke the bread and said “this is My body,” and then took the cup and said, “this is My blood; Do this in remembrance of Me.”

We are Eucharistic people. We come to Mass to hear His word and to receive His body and blood. It’s not just symbolism. Through transubstantiation, we really receive His body and blood in the bread and wine.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. As we approach the altar today to receive His body and blood, let us pause to remember that this is not a “symbol”, but the actual Body and Blood of Christ.

As for the feeding of the 5000 people with a few loaves and fishes, remember... nothing is impossible with God!

The peace of Christ,

Deacon Russ

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

Sunday, June 23, 2019  Masses 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM  Feast of Body, Blood of Christ  Corpus Christi
4:00PM ServiceWorX Wk. #1  John XXIII Rm & Offsite
Monday, June 24, 2019
8:30AM ServiceWorX  John XXIII Rm & Offsite
7:30PM Umoja Choir Rehearsal  Cry Room
Tuesday, June 25, 2019
8:30AM ServiceWorX  John XXIII Rm & Offsite
6:30PM Eucharist minister leadership mtg.  dePorres Rm
Wednesday, June 26, 2019
8:30AM ServiceWorX  John XXIII Rm & Offsite
9:00AM Holy Spirit Prayer Group  dePorres Rm
10:30AM Holy Trinity Faith Sharing Grp.  Ruiz Rm
7:30PM Folk Group Rehearsal  Church
8:00PM AA Wednesday  Cafeteria
Thursday, June 27, 2019
8:30AM ServiceWorX  John XXIII Rm & Offsite
Friday, June 28, 2019
8:30AM ServiceWorX  John XXIII Rm & Offsite
7:30PM Al-Anon Mtg.  Downstairs Teacher’s Rm
8:00PM AA Friday  Cafeteria
Saturday, June 29, 2019  Mass 5:00PM
11:00AM Reconciliation  Church
Sunday, June 30, 2019  Masses 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM  No Events Scheduled.
We will have a visiting Priest at our 5:30PM Mass: Fr. James Miakuzhy. (See the Parish Calendar on our website for the complete list.)
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Pray for those who are getting married...

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

Readings for the Week

Monday:
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Tuesday:
Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday:
Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday:
Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or Gn 16:6b-12, 15-16; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 7:21-29

Friday:
Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

Saturday:
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Sunday:
1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

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 Paul Rasimowicz
Baby Genevieve Bonk Bart Howley Frances Reavey
Marie Brody Sandra Huseith Joseph Revolinsky
Ellen Catalina Linda Jackson Diane Rice
Frank Catalina Jack Kenefick Anne Ritchick
Mary Ellen Cuneo-Granazio Edward Lubowicki, Sr. Ralph Sands
Mandy Cutshall Al Maglio Philemona SanFilippo
Lisa DeFeo Richard Manzo Maria Schwezner
Marie DeFeo John Martinez Sr. Mary Annata Shina, OSF
Denise DeGeorge Joan Mazzacco Sr. Rosaria Shina, OSF
Marion Fisher Dot McLaughlin Sharon Sincoskie
Bianca Freda Geralyn Moore Michael Silek
Ada Galdi Ellie Morehouse Dennis Stuewe
Marianne Gerace Ursula Morgenberger Jasmine Urzo
Helen Geraghty Dave Moyihan Mona Wilson
Emma Gergely Vincent N. Naselli Marvin Yudenfreund
Rose Gessner James Negovsky ...and for all who are homebound, elderly, in nursing care, or living with chronic illness
Vera Golda Patricia Nese
Max Gonzalez Segundo Nizama
Fr. Doug Haeferner William Oberlander
Sharon Harlan Jim Pettit

Pray for those who have died...

—“His mercy endures forever.” Chronicles 6:34
There was to be a Baptismal party for the new baby of a soldier and his wife at their home on an Army base. Before the ceremony, the chaplain took the new father aside. “Are you prepared for this solemn event?” he asked. “I guess so,” replied the soldier. “I’ve got two hams, pickles, bread, cake, cookies…” “No, no!” interrupted the chaplain. “I mean spiritually prepared!” “Well, I don’t know,” said the soldier thoughtfully. “Do you think two cases of whiskey are enough?”

Beyond all that we hunger for is the hunger for spiritual nourishment. Sometimes people aren’t even aware that this exists. However, Jesus realized this hunger and instituted the Holy Eucharist to feed our starving souls.

The Lord’s Supper ensures that we can remember Jesus from any place. Apollo 11 landed on the moon on Sunday, July 20, 1969. Most remember astronaut Neil Armstrong’s first words as he stepped onto the moon’s surface: “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.” However, few know about the first meal eaten on the moon. Dennis Fisher reports that Buzz Aldrin, the NASA Astronaut had taken aboard the spacecraft a tiny pyx provided by his Catholic pastor. Aldrin sent a radio broadcast to Earth asking listeners to contemplate the events of the day and give thanks. Then, blacking out the broadcast for privacy, Aldrin read, “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit.” Then, silently, he gave thanks for their successful journey to the moon and received Jesus in the Holy Eucharist surrendering moon to Jesus. Next, he descended on the moon and walked on it with Neil Armstrong.

His actions remind us that in the Lord’s Supper, God’s children can share the life of Jesus from any place on Earth — and even from the moon. God is everywhere, and our worship should reflect this reality. In Psalm 139 we are told that wherever we go, God is intimately present with us. Buzz Aldrin celebrated that experience on the surface of the moon. Thousands of miles from earth, he took time to commune with the One who created, redeemed, and established fellowship with him.

The History of Corpus Christi Feast

Today’s celebration of the Body and Blood of the Lord originated in the Diocese of Liege in 1246 as the feast of Corpus Christi. In the reforms of Vatican II, Corpus Christi was joined with the feast of the Precious Blood (July 1) to become the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord. We celebrate today Christ’s gift to us of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life together as the Church. The Council of Trent (1545 to 1563), declared that we must honor Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist publicly so that those who observed the faith of Catholics in the Most Holy Eucharist might be attracted to the Eucharistic Lord and believe in the Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, present in this great Sacrament.

“The Catholic Church teaches that in the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the God-man are really, truly, substantially, and abidingly present together with his soul and divinity by reason of the Transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. This takes place in the unbloodied sacrifice of the Mass.”
**Sunday Reflections**

**Marriage Tune-Up**

"Give them some food." (Luke 9:13) As spouses, we give our bodies to each other in joy and share each other’s pain when sickness strikes. Taking care of each other’s body is part of being married. Sometimes this means meeting physical needs like food and other times it’s emotional comfort. Feed each other today.

**Parenting Tune-Up**

What did your own father teach you about being a father? I hope that it was positive like fidelity, loyalty, protection, unconditional love. Last Sunday was Father’s Day. Do you think you are a role model to your own children in living and teaching these very values? However, even if your father was absent or flawed, you can still be inspired to be better with your own child.

**How Can God Be Present in A Tiny Host?**

Some time ago, a hostile crowd faced a street-corner preacher who knew how to make religious truths come to life. "How," one of them demanded, "is it possible for bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of Christ?" The preacher looked calmly at the stout questioner for a moment and answered, "You have grown somewhat since you were a child and have more flesh and blood than you had then. Surely, if a human body can change food and drink into flesh and blood, God can do it too."

"But how," countered the heckler, "is it possible for Christ to be present in his entirety in a small host?" The preacher glanced up at the sky, down at the street before them, and answered, "This city scene and the sky above it is something immense, while your eye is very small. Yet your eye in itself contains the whole picture. When you consider this, it won’t seem impossible for Christ to be present in his entirety in a little piece of bread."

Once more, the heckler attacked. "How, then, is it possible for the same Body of Christ to be present in all your churches at the same time?" The preacher’s answer: "In a large mirror you see your image reflected but once. When you break the mirror into a thousand pieces, you see the same image of yourself in each of the thousand fragments. If such things occur in everyday life, why should it be impossible for the Body of Christ to be present in many places at once? Just tell me, what isn’t possible for God!"

**What Makes Her Go to Church Daily?**

Brennan Manning, an American Franciscan priest, tells this story of his mother, a woman in her mid-seventies in Brooklyn. Mrs. Manning’s day centered on her daily Eucharist. Because she began her voluntary stint at a drug detoxification center each morning at 7.30 AM, the only Mass she could attend was at 5.30 AM.

Across the road from her lived a very successful lawyer, mid-thirties, married with two children. The man had no religion and was particularly critical of daily Churchgoers.

Driving home from a late party at 5 am one January morning, the roads glassy with ice, he said to his wife: "I bet that old hag won’t be out this morning," referring to Mrs. Manning. Nevertheless, to his shock, there she was on hands and knees negotiating the hill up to the church. He went home, tried to sleep, but could not.

Around 9 am he rose, went to the local presbytery and asked to see a priest. "Padre," he said, "I am not one of yours. I have no religion. But could you tell me what you have there that can make an old woman crawl on hands and knees on an icy morning?" Thus, began his conversion along with his wife and family. Mrs. Manning was one of those people who never studied deep religious books, never knew the big theological words, but she knew what it is to meet Jesus in Holy Communion. Jesus Christ is the bread of life. What more could we want?

**Would You Like a Daily Jolt?**

Visit [BustedHalo.com](http://www.bustedhalo.com) to read a daily quote followed by a “microchallenge.”

Here is an example on the right.

When reaching for a cup of coffee in the morning, try reaching for a spiritual jolt, too!

*"A sheltered life can be a daring life as well. For all serious daring starts from within."* – EUDORA WELTY

**Today’s #MicroChallenge**

Spend 10-30 minutes in quiet meditation and introspection today, when distractions creep in, brush them away and return to the quiet.
Celebrating Our Faith: Liturgy

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/](http://usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/diaconate/)

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](http://www.stmatthias.net/connect/rosary)

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. If you have misplaced something, please check to see if it is there. Thanks!

Discovering God: Formation

**Summer SONdays XXVII**

**St. Matthias Vacation Bible Camp**

July 8 through July 12, 2019

9:00am to 12:30pm at St. Matthias Church

Come be part of our parish’s volunteer driven, week-long children’s bible camp. Experience group lessons, activities, and entertainment designed to help children, teens, and adults grow in their faith.

Join us for Summer SONdays XXVII Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed

Campers going into Pre-K4 through 5th grade in fall 2019 [ $75 for 1 child, $55 each additional child]

Will interact with the Good News Players, Adult Volunteers, and Junior Volunteers to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Kids entering 6th grade and above

Will support our campers as Junior Volunteers or teach through skits as Good News Players [Grades 7-12]

Adult Volunteers

Share your time and talent by leading groups, helping with arts & crafts, or daycare

Registration forms and details on volunteer opportunities are available on the parish website: [www.stmatthias.net](http://www.stmatthias.net)
The Feast of Corpus Christi

“They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.” (Luke 9:17)

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when we share what we have, even if it doesn’t seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! God blesses all the gifts we offer and makes them wondrous.

Being Good Stewards

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Faith Direct for this Month* $55,553.94
Month-to-date Total $80,905.36
Year-to-date Total $1,498,472.58

Stewardship Reflection—Jun 23, 2019

The Feast of Corpus Christi

“Todos comieron y quedaron satisfechos. Y cuando recogieron los fragmentos sobrantes, llenaron doce cestas de mimbre.” (LUCA 9:17)

La historia de Los panes y los peces nos muestra que cuando compartimos lo que tenemos, aunque parezca que no es mucho, ¡pueden ocurrir milagros! ¡No pienses que tus dones son demasiado pequeños o insignificantes! Dios bendice todos los dones que ofrecemos y los hace maravillosos.
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.

Due to Popular Demand — We Now Have Two Catholic Charities Donations Boxes!
Please donate gently used clothing, shoes, household items and small appliances to Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen. Two donation boxes are now 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. Do not leave anything outside the box. Thank you!

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.

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)
It is almost that time of year again when our Catholic Community of St. Matthias will open its doors to families who are in need of shelter. The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is an organization of churches and synagogues that open their doors to homeless families on a weekly rotating schedule.
The week of JULY 14-21, St. Matthias will once again host these families for a week. After all MASSES, JUNE 29-30, members of the IHN team will be in the breezeway, asking parishioners to sign up to help with particular needs for this week.

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!
Connecting with Our Local Community

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Thank you!

St. Matthias Carnival Survey

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday, July 30 and Wednesday, July 31

The Afterlife: Heaven and Hell in the Bible
(Tuesday, August 6 and Wednesday August 7)

Questions? Call the Diocese of Metuchen at 732-562-2424.

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!

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St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ

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**Loyola Retreat Center — SUMMER WEEKLONG DIRECTED RETREAT**
161 James St., Morristown, NJ 07960, 973-539-0740

**July 5-12 or July 28-August 4**

Retreat includes individual daily meeting with a spiritual director, daily Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of the Sick, and plenty of time for private prayer. Retreatants should arrive after 4:00pm on first day of retreat; departure after breakfast last day of retreat, around 10:00am.

**REGISTER NOW** - July 5-12 or **REGISTER NOW** - July 28 - August 4

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

**SUMMER AT MSR!**
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

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**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)

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**Marriage Encounter**
Now that spring is finally here, why not shake off those winter blues & pump some life into your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is July 26 – 28.

Register today. Phone –732-904-9636 for registration & information. www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

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**Heart 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

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**About St. Matthias**

**Parish Registration**
Welcome new members! Please register in the Parish Office during business hours — 9 AM—9 PM Mon-Thu, 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 Enusali 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 is a prekindergarten(age 3) through 8th 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 732-528-1402 to schedule a tour.