The Catholic Community of St. Matthias

June 9, 2019
Pentecost Sunday

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Meet–Greet—No need to take a seat—TODAY, Sunday after 8 & 10am Masses in breezeway. See pg 8.

Pastoral Council Commissioning—TODAY at 10AM Mass

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
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

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Sunday, June 9, 2019  Masses 8AM, 10AM,12PM, 530PM  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
8:45AM—7+PM  (before/after masses) CatholicGear.com Sale  
In front of Church  
10:00AM  Children’s Liturgy of the Word  **Last one**, John XXIII Rm  
(Will resume in September)  
10:00AM  Pastoral Council Commissioning  
Parish Office: downstairs  
12:00PM  Adult Confirmation @ 12PM Mass  
Church  

*This Week at St. Matthias*

**Monday, June 10, 2019**  
7:00PM  C.S. Pack 195 Den Mtg.  
Clsm 1A,1B, 2A,2B, 3A  
7:00PM  Liturgy—2020 Vision Brainstorm  
Ruiz Rm  
7:30PM  Revelation Choir Rehearsal  
Church  
7:30PM  Umoja Choir Rehearsal  
Cry Room  

**Tuesday, June 11, 2019**  
7:00PM  Sm. Group w/ with Jeff Beck  
de Porres Rm  
7:00PM  Hand Bell Youth & Adult Rehearsal  
Church  
7:00PM  IHM Team Mtg.  
Neumann Rm  

**Wednesday, June 12, 2019**  
9:00AM  Holy Spirit Prayer Group  
de Porres Rm  
10:30AM  Holy Trinity Faith Sharing Grp  
Ruiz Rm  
7:30PM  Folk Group Rehearsal  
Church  
8:00PM  AA Wednesday  
Cafeteria  

**Thursday, June 13, 2019**  
SMS School out @ 12:30PM  
7:30PM  Adult Choir Rehearsal  
Church  

**Friday, June 14, 2019**  
SMS Last Day of School, out @ 12:30PM  
8:00AM  SMS Gold Outing  
Offsite  
11:30AM  SMS Prayer Service  
Church  
7:30PM  Al-Anon Mtg.  
Downstairs Teacher’s Rm  
8:00PM  AA Friday  
Cafeteria  

**Saturday, June 15, 2019**  
Mass 5:00PM  
9:00AM  Secular Franciscans Mtg.  
de Porres Rm  
10:00AM  Baptism Prep  
John XXIII Rm  
11:00AM  Reconciliation  
Church  

**Sunday, June 16, 2019**  
Masses 8AM, 10AM,12PM, 530PM  
**The Most Holy Trinity**  
**Father’s Day**  
Father’s Day Blessings at all Masses  

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**From Our Pastoral Staff**  

Dear Friends,  
Many characterize Pentecost as the birthday of the Church. Etymologically it comes from the Greek word for “fiftieth” (pentecostes), because it is the fiftieth day after Easter Sunday. In the Old Testament, it is known by different names: the Feast of weeks, the Feast of harvest, or the day of first fruits. Even today in Jewish circles, it is known as “Shavu’ot” (Hebrew word for weeks).  
However, the New Testament meaning of Pentecost was mentioned in the Lukian reading for Ascension Thursday: “You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you, but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high.” (Luke 24:49).  
Thus, Pentecost meant being clothed with power to witness to Jesus. Look at those first apostles. They were just common people. Moreover, the men and women who joined their band were very common people. How could they have the power to lead the world to Jesus Christ? They were clothed with power from on high. They just surrendered to and allowed the Holy Spirit to speak through them. The Same Spirit is available to us – only if we realize it, only if we surrender. We just need to be touched by the power of the Spirit, and then we will naturally talk and share our experience to others. And we will not be afraid to talk how our faith and our Sunday worship are influencing our lives. Are we willing to let the Holy Spirit do this?  

On Pentecost, it is our tradition here to have the commissioning of the Parish Pastoral Council during the 10 am Mass. The new members of the Council attended the “Discernment Evening” to pray and discern the will of God in serving the People of God of St. Matthias. A day of retreat was held for the entire Council in preparation for starting the new term. This apex consultative body’s goal is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating and reviewing all matters concerning the pastoral life of our parish. The new team members for 2019-20 are, **Lorraine Farr, Anne Marie Francis, Claudine Langrin, and Marybeth Purcell.**  

The retiring members - **Marge Richards** and **Barbara Sury** deserve our special thanks for their selfless commitment in serving us for the past three years. As we pray for this new team, let us continue to offer them our support.  

Your brother in Christ,  

**Fr. Abraham Orapankal**
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## Pray for those who are getting married...

- Jessica Dickstein & William Knych—June 15
- Stacy Straczynski & Nick Iannaccone—June 29
- Linda Okoye & McKoy Fagan—June 30

## Readings for the Week

### Monday:
- Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

### Tuesday:
- Acts 11:21b-26: 12:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:13-16

### Wednesday:
- 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday:
- 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 5:20-26

### Friday:
- 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Mt 5:27-32

### Saturday:
- 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 5:33-37

### Sunday:
- Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

## 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
- Baby Genevieve Bonk
- Marie Brody
- Ellen Catalina
- Frank Catalina
- Mary Ellen Cuneo-Granazio
- Mandy Cutshall
- Lisa DeFeo
- Denise DeGeorge
- Marion Fischer
- Bianca Freda
- Ada Goldi
- Marianne Gerace
- Helen Geraghty
- Emma Gergely
- Rose Gesser
- Vera Golda
- Max Gonzalez
- Fr. Doug Haeffner
- Sharon Harlan
- Paul Haucke
- Bart Howley
- Sandra Huseth
- Linda Jackson
- Jack Kenefick
- Edward Lubowicki, Sr.
- Al Maggio
- Richard Manzo
- John Martinez
- Carol Millernann
- Joan Mazzacca
- Dot McLaughlin
- Geralyn Moore
- Ellie Morehouse
- Ursula Morgenberger
- Dave Moynihan
- Vincent N. Naseilli
- James Negvesky
- Patricia Nese
- Segundo Nizama
- William Oberlander
- Jim Pettit
- Paul Rasinowicz
- Frances Reavey
- Joseph Revolinsky
- Diane Rice
- Anne Ritchick
- Josephine Russo
- Ralph Sands
- Philomena SanFilippo
- Maria Schwenzer
- Sr. Mary Amata Shina, OSF
- Sr. Rosaria Shina, OSF
- Michael Sitek
- Jasmine Urzo
- Marvin Yudenfreund
- ...and for all who are homebound, elderly, in nursing care, or living with chronic illness

## Pray for those who have died...

Dominic Frederick — “His mercy endures forever.” Chronicles 6:34
Celebrating Our Faith: Liturgy

SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY

A CHILD’S WISDOM: Four-year-old Amanda was taken to the doctor’s office with a fever. The doctor looked in her ears and asked, “Who’s in there? Donald Duck?” She said, “No.” He looked in her open mouth, “Who’s in there? Mickey Mouse?” Again she said, “No.” He put his stethoscope on her heart and asked, “Who’s in there? Barney?” Amanda replied, “No, Jesus is in my heart. Barney is in the pocket of my underwear.” ☺

AN ADULT’S WISDOM: A man asked his pastor whether it was okay to smoke while he prayed. His pastor said, “Absolutely not! When you pray you should be completely devoted to prayer.” So the man went to another priest, but he changed his question, “Would it be okay to pray while I smoke?” “Yes, of course” was the answer! ☺

Please Volunteer … Eucharistic Ministers 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

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

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

Pentecost Reflection: The Threshold Choir

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind . . . then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them. Acts 2: 1-11

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” John 20: 19-23

In June 1990, Kate’s friend Larry lay in a coma, dying of HIV/AIDS. When she came to visit, she didn’t know what to say or do, so she found herself doing what she did when faced with any difficult situation. She sang. For two and half hours, she sang for her friend. Her music was a comfort both to Larry and to Kate herself. That was the beginning of the Threshold Choir: singers who gather to sing for the dying. Kate and 14 friends in El Cerrito, California formed the first Threshold Choir. Within the next year, Kate had established four other choirs. Today, there are over 200 Threshold Choirs in the United States and around the world.

Threshold Choirs are made up of three or four singers who go to hospices and hospitals to sing for the chronically ill and dying. Sometimes the singers find themselves singing a soul into eternity. Their a cappella repertoire includes songs like Amazing Grace and Simple Gifts, but also includes short, uncomplicated pieces written especially for the choir, like “Hold this family in your heart” and “Rest easy, let every trouble drift away.” A music therapist at a hospice in Nashville believes that the choir’s music is a transformative experience for the dying: “Music has the power to reach people on a deeper level than any type of verbalization or even sometimes touch can . . . Whether the patient has dementia and can’t remember his or her own name or their daughter’s name, they may remember the song their mother used to sing to them as a child. Taking memories from your past life and being able to experience them as you’re dying is a wonderful thing.”

Singing in such an emotional environment takes practice and the sensitivity to realize that this is a service, not a performance. While their soft harmonies can be very comforting to the dying, the Threshold Choir’s very presence can bring the immediacy of death to struggling families sitting nearby. As one veteran Threshold Singer says of their work, “We sing in a circle of love. In music we are joined.” This is “holy ground,” another singer notes. “The music literally puts its arms around you.”

In moments of such transforming peace, in simple melodies expressing compassion and care, the Spirit of God in present. The Spirit of God is that love that enables us to do for others what we don’t believe we can do, that love that inspires the courage and generosity to endure what terrifies us, that love that reveals the strength and hope we possess to move stones to open tombs of despair and fear. May the Spirit of God lift our hearts and voices to “sing” compassion and care, whether our song be a song of peace for the dying or outreach to the lost, the vulnerable, the despairing.
Celebrating Our Faith: Liturgy (continued)

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS (cont’d from previous page)

Marriage Tune-Up
Trip down Memory Lane - Remember your first long trip together - either for fun, to meet each other's family, or even a funeral. What did you like about making travel plans together? What was a stress because of your differences? What have you learned?

Parenting Tune-Up
As a father, what do you do to train your kids to have respect for their mother? Annual practice of a gift on Mother's Day? A suggestion for next time: It’s not your job to get a gift for your wife but rather to coach your son or daughter (if need be) in deciding how they can best honor their mother.

"Lower Your Bucket: Taste and See!"
More than a century ago, a great sailing ship was stranded off the coast of South America. Week after week the ship lay there in the still waters with not a hint of a breeze. The captain was desperate; the crew was dying of thirst. And then, on the far horizon, a steamship appeared, headed directly toward them. As it drew near, the captain called out, "We need water! Give us water!" The steamship replied, "Lower your buckets where you are." The captain was furious at this cavalier response but called out again, "Please, give us water." But the steamer gave the same reply, "Lower your buckets where you are!" And with that they sailed away!

The captain was beside himself with anger and despair, and he went below. But a little later, when no one was looking, a yeoman lowered a bucket into the sea and then tasted what he brought up: It was perfectly sweet, fresh water! For you see, the ship was just out of sight of the mouth of the Amazon. And for all those weeks they had been sitting right on top of all the fresh water they needed!

What we are really seeking is already inside us, waiting to be discovered, waiting to be embraced: the Holy Spirit of God, living within us from the moment of our Baptism. The Holy Spirit is saying to us at this very moment from deep in our heart, "Lower your buckets where you are. Taste and see!" Come, Holy Spirit! Fill our hearts and set us on fire! Amen.

"Well, Chippie Doesn’t Sing Anymore!"
It happened in Galveston, TX. A woman was cleaning the bottom of the cage of her parrot Chippie with the canister vacuum cleaner. She was not using an attachment on the tube. When the telephone rang, she turned her head to pick it up, continuing to vacuum the cage as she said, "Hello," into the phone. Then she heard the horrible noise of Chippie being sucked into the vacuum. Immediately she put down the phone, ripped open the vacuum bag, and found Chippie in there, stunned but still alive. Since the bird was covered with dust and dirt, she grabbed it, ran it into the bathroom, turned on the faucet, and held the bird under the water to clean it off. When she finished that, she saw the hair dryer on the bathroom sink. She turned it on and held the bird in front of the blast of hot air to dry him off. A few weeks later, a reporter from the newspaper that originally published the story went out to the house to ask the woman, "How’s Chippie doing now?" She said, "He just sort of sits and stares.

Today’s Gospel tells us that this is what happened to the apostles. They were traumatized by the arrest and crucifixion of their master and bewildered by his post-Resurrection appearances and his command to prepare for the coming of his Holy Spirit. Many of us can identify with Chippie and the apostles. Life has sucked us up, thrown cold water on us, and blown us away. Somewhere in the trauma, we have lost our song. Hence, we, too, need the daily anointing of the Holy Spirit to keep us singing songs of Christian witnessing through agápe love.

Together They Finished the Race!
Derek Redmond ran in a semi-final of the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Halfway round the track, this British athlete collapsed with a torn hamstring. For some strange reason, he wanted to finish the race, and he struggled to his feet. Derek’s Dad got up out of the stand, and he broke his way through security. His Dad picked up his crying son, and together they finished the race.

That man did what the Holy Spirit does for us. It’s when we are spiritually exhausted, when we find ourselves giving into the spirit of slavery again and again, when we can’t pray, when we don’t want to pray, when our faith is just not strong enough – when there is no way we can finish the race. That’s when the Spirit picks us up, and drags us to the finish line.
St. Matthias Vacation Bible Camp
— Summer Sondays 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

Questions? Please call or email Dee Nann at the Parish Office, dnann@stmatthias.net

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**Pastoral Council Commissioning**

**TODAY at the 10 AM Mass**

**TODAY,** 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.

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**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!

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**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**

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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 Reflection— Jun 9, 2019
Pentecost Sunday

“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” (John 14:26)

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions.

Being Good Stewards

Merit Scholarships
Graduating students have been offered 18 merit scholarships totaling $192,000 (over 4 years) to area Catholic High Schools including Bishop George Ahr, Immaculata, and St. Joseph’s.

Stewardship Totals for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

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Ascension: $2,427
Catholic Communications Campaign: $975

Reflexiones—9 de junio de 2019
Solemnidad de Pentecostés

“El Abogado, el Espíritu Santo que el Padre enviará en mi nombre, te enseñará todo y te recordará todo lo que te dije.” (JUAN 14:26)

El materialismo de nuestra sociedad nos lleva a concentrarnos más en lo que queremos que en lo que Dios quiere para nosotros. El relativismo de nuestro mundo nos dice que debemos ser tolerantes con todas las cosas, que no hay una verdad absoluta. Oremos al Espíritu Santo para que transforme nuestras vidas y guíe nuestros pensamientos, palabras y acciones.
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.

Building Community
YOU ARE INVITED
Meet - Greet - No Need to Take a Seat!
TODAY June 9 after the 8 and 10 a.m. Masses

The Welcome Ministry invites YOU to stop in the breezeway to chat with fellow parishioners of St. Matthias and enjoy refreshments after the 8 and 10 a.m. Masses on Sunday.

Whether you are new to our parish or you have belonged to our Community for a while, stop by to meet and greet one another.

Here’s a chance to say hello and get to know that person who sits next to or behind or in front of you.

Grab a bite, stand and gab.

All Are Welcome!
Building Community

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, its 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 stmathiaswelcome@gmail.com

**Connect with Our Local Community**

**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!

**St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church Slavic Dinner Wednesday**

June 12, 2019 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

The dinner will be held in the St. Mary Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough, NJ. The cost is $15.00 for adults (ages 9 and up) and $5.00 for Children (8 and under) and includes all you can eat Pirohi, Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, salad, dessert and beverage. Orders to go are available. For more information contact: St. Mary’s at 908-725-0615.

**Festa di San Antonio**

**Good Shepherd Parish of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary**

625 Florida Ave., Hopelawn section of Woodbridge

Saturday, June 15th from Noon to 7PM

The parish is hosting its annual Festa di San Antonio honoring St. Anthony 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. Contact: 732-826-4859.

www.goodshepherdpanj.org

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, Nata-
sha 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)

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.StFrancisCtr.org
St. Francis Center for Renewal seeks a new Director to provide overall creative vision and empow-
ering 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
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.

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, sem-
inarians 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-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 Emusoi 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(age3) 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
732-928-1402 to schedule a tour.