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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHIAS SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022 – Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule

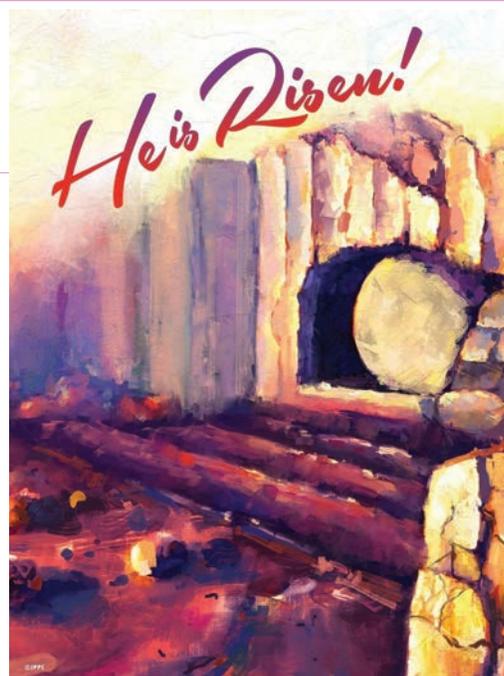
8 AM, 10 AM, and 12:00 Noon

Easter Monday, April 18th

No Mass

St. Matthias 60th Anniversary Committee

Planning continues for our upcoming anniversary celebration. If anyone knows our very first parishioners or their children, please email their contact info to Anne Marie Francis at alfrancis.30@gmail.com or Jeff Hentz at chjco1@msn.com. We would love to recognize the “charter members” who constituted the parish.



Welcome to St. Matthias!

Are You New to St. Matthias? Have You Been Away from Church for a While?

Welcome to our parish community! Please know that no matter where you find yourself on your journey, here at St. Matthias all are welcome!

We invite you to join our church by registering at:
www.stmatthias.net/join-us We hope to see you again soon!



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This Week at St. Matthias From the Pastor's Desk

Masses are also celebrated livestreamed on our YouTube channel: [youtube.com/c/StMatthiasSomersetNJ](https://www.youtube.com/c/StMatthiasSomersetNJ)

The Church is open for individual prayer

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am to dusk, Sat: 9 am to 6pm, and Sun: 7:30 am to 1 pm, unless another service is taking place.

Sunday Apr 17, 2022 Easter Sunday

8:00AM Mass Church
10:00AM Mass (Combined Choirs) Church
12:00PM Mass (Hand Bell choir) Church

Monday, Apr 18, 2022 St. Galdino Della Sala, Archbishop of Milan

Parish Office Closed, SMS Closed Easter Break

8:00AM No Mass on Easter Monday

Tuesday, Apr 19, 2022 St. Leo IX, Pope

8:00AM Mass Church
7:00PM Pastoral Council Mtg. Zoom

Wednesday, Apr 20, 2022 St. Agnes of Montepulciano, Nun

8:00AM Mass Church
9:30AM Prayer Grp 1 Holy Spirit Zoom
7:00PM Bereavement Support Grp. Reunion de Porres Rm

Thursday, Apr 21, 2022 St. Alsem, Archbishop & Doctor

8:00AM Mass Church
7:30PM NeXt Level Mtg. Zoom

Friday, Apr 22, 2022 St. Sotor, Pope

8:00AM Mass Church

Saturday, Apr 23, 2022 St. George of Lydda, Martyr

9:00AM Faith & Racial Equity Session 5 Zoom
10:00AM Secular Franciscans de Porres Rm
3:30PM Reconciliation Church
5:00PM Mass

Sunday Apr 24, 2022 Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00AM Mass Church
10:00AM Mass Church
10:30AM RCIA John XXIII Rm
12:00PM Mass Church



Bulletin Article Requests:

If you would like to send information to be included in our bulletin, please email it to bulletin@stmatthias.net by 8 AM, **MONDAY, 6 before the bulletin date** (earlier for holiday weekends). Approved content is published on a space-available basis.

Dear Friends,

Easter Blessings to you and your dear ones!

This is our third Easter since the pandemic began. Each time of anxious waiting was replaced by another. But, thanks be to God, we are now experiencing a greater sense of normalcy all around us. More than the beautiful tulips and cherry blossoms in lovely colors beckoning us to new life, the Resurrection of Christ offers us hope and confidence to start all over again.

We are constantly reminded of the unjust Russian aggression of Ukraine that has created unimaginable horror and damage to life and property. We pray for an Easter experience for the Ukrainians and for millions of other people in different parts of the world where conflicts still exist.

I am fully aware that some of our parishioners are still hesitant to return to church in person. I respect that. I believe they are joining us in prayer online. Our homebound parishioners are so very pleased to connect with our livestreamed parish Mass. Many of them have thanked me for continuing the live-streaming as they love to see their own church sanctuary and their own priests celebrating the Mass. Parishioners who have moved away and web-visitors who chanced upon our site are all part of this wider parish community. Easter Blessings to all.

One of the greatest blessings is our ability to gather again with family and friends – be it in church or home, restaurant, gym, club or wherever we used to gather. This is integral to being human. Jesus himself did that during his life on earth. But we seem to forget that Jesus did the same even after his death and resurrection. The Risen Lord had at least three meals with his disciples: breakfast by the Sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-17); an evening meal in a village near Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35); and an impromptu snack of broiled fish with his apostles (Luke 24:36-43). Even though each of these appearances was to convince the doubting disciples about the reality of the resurrection, gathering around the meal table was very significant then and now.

The Risen Christ invites us to experience His presence at our dinner table as we gather as a family in unity and love. Esteemed study after study shows the nutritional, social, emotional, and spiritual benefits of the family having dinner together. But recent research suggests that between 10 and 40 percent of children never or seldom eat together with their family! Let us take it as a challenge and change it in our families.

There is another meal table the Risen Christ invites us to experience His presence. That is the Eucharistic table as we gather for worship especially on Sundays. In this holy meal, Christ takes us all in as we are, with all our uniqueness and diversity, our weaknesses and shortcomings, and strengthens us to create that family of God here on earth. Let us participate more fully in Sunday worship as the family of St. Matthias.

Happy Easter!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Apr 16	8:30AM	Morning Prayer (cafeteria)
	12:00PM	Blessing of Food (cafeteria)
Easter Vigil Mass	8:00PM	Hugh Scott, by Fran and Tom Johnson
Sunday, Apr 17	8:00AM	Julian & Felisa De Guzman, by The Family
	10:00AM	Leticia Roman, by Flora Sunga
	12:00PM	Carl Dexter Nonailada, by Clark & Leah Nonailada & family
	(5:30PM)	Intention of Parishioners (No Mass)
Monday, Apr 18	8:00AM	No Mass
Tuesday, Apr 19	8:00AM	Paul Hughes, by The Family
Wednesday, Apr 20	8:00AM	Roseann Martinez, by Violy Garcia
Thursday, Apr 21	7:30PM	Spiritual Intentions of the Gordon & Szabo families, by Dolores Bristol
Friday, Apr 22	8:30AM	Nicholas Hughes, by Daddy, Michael, Patrick & Brittany
Saturday, Apr 23	5:00PM	Jerry Edwin, by The Family
Sunday, Apr 24	8:00AM	Betty Nileski, by Jack & Sharon Murphy
	10:00AM	Susai Nathan, by The Nathan Family
	12:00PM	Ann Koruda, by The Aiello Family
	(5:30PM)	Intention of Parishioners

Pray for those who are sick...

If you or a family member are sick, please call the Parish Office or **email Kelly Counts** at kcounts@stmatthias.net to add the name to this list. Names will be listed in the bulletin for 6 weeks. Please let us know if 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. *New people on our prayer list are noted in blue.*

Beth & Jay Adams	Rose Gessner	Sabrina Moloney	Sr. Rosaria Shina, OSF
Carolyn Banghart	Mary Gidaro	Dave Moynihan	Catherine Sloomaker
Gladys Battle	Marie Godet	Jean Oberlander	Dennis Stuewe
Marie Brody	Sloopy Hoffman	Danny Ongchangco	Jeff Sullivan
Thomas Burns	Baby Isla-Rose Huffman	Paul & Doris Paetow	SusanTami
Tara Capatosto	Al & Rose Larangeira	Bernadine Pasternak	Jeaninne Tosh
Ellen Catalina	Erlina Liem	Jim Pettit	Regina Walker
Genon DeGuzman	The Litakis Family	Christina Pietrowiak	Mark T. Wellman
Alaina Derecola	Kenneth & Kelly Magat	Ruth Piscadlo	Mary Worthington
Marlene DiMaggio	Al Maglio	Chris Retz	
Jim Dolan	Sue Maglio-Alese	Jaxon Rivera	Everyone who is ill and for all
Mary Dolan	King Manansala	Jorge Rivera	who are homebound, elderly,
William Dolphin	Christine L. Matthews	Maria Schwenzer	in nursing care, or living with
<i>Josephine Geenty</i>	Beatrice May	Lena Sciotto	chronic illness
Claudia Gemgnani	Margaret Menendez	Buddy Scott	
Emma Gergely	Carol Millemann	Sr. Mary Amata Shina, OSF	

Pray for those who have died...

— “His mercy endures forever.” Chronicles

Reflect



Smile with Your Family



A Sunday school teacher had just finished telling her third graders about how Jesus was crucified and placed in a tomb with a great stone sealing the opening. Then, wanting to share the excitement of the Resurrection, she asked: "And what do you think were Jesus' first words when He came bursting out of that tomb alive?" A hand shot up into the air from the rear of the classroom. Attached to it was the arm of a little girl. Leaping out of her chair she shouted out excitedly "I know, I know!" "Good" said the teacher, "Tell us, what were Jesus first words?" And extending her arms high into the air she said: "TA-DA!" 😊

Former Presidential candidate Mike Huckabee was once asked if he believed in resurrection. "Of course I do," said Huckabee. "Dead people vote in every election we have in Arkansas. Resurrection is very real to us." 😊

What kind of jewelry does the Easter Bunny wear? 14 Carrot Gold 😊

What's the best way to make Easter easier?

Put an "i" where the "t" is. 😊

How does Easter end? With an "r" 😊

THE EASTER BUNNY RESIGNS! The Easter Bunny has resigned on grounds of "inappropriate stereotyping", fearing his association with the Easter holiday is having a serious impact on the health of rabbits around the world. The rabbit community feel more and more undermined by their commercial association, through the Easter Bunny, with chocolate egg hunts in back gardens. As a result of these chocolate egg hunts, many child pet owners are feeding their pet rabbits a diet of white and milk chocolate, with precious little vegetable and no roughage. 'Rabbits have traditionally consumed carrots and other kitchen - garden vegetables, for survival' says Michael 'Bugs' Mannfeld QC, legal representative for the rabbit community. 'They are now facing an unhealthy diet of chocolate eggs, owing to the part played by the Easter Bunny.' Bunny rehabilitation centers are popping up nationwide. 😊



Easter Reflection: "The Liberators"

The women found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus . . . "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised." Luke 24: 1-12

In his book **The Liberators**, author Michael Hirsch details the stories, impressions and reactions of American soldiers who liberated the Nazi concentration camps as they chased the last remnants of the Nazi army in the final days of World War 2. Hirsch also includes in his book the recollection of one of those liberated. Coenraad Rood was a 24-year-old Dutch Jew who worked as a tailor. He was arrested in 1942 and spent three years imprisoned at a number of camps. In January 1945, he lay dying in a covered ditch in the camp at Ampfing when the 14th Armored Division liberated the camp. Rood remembers:

"Suddenly, I heard my friend Maupy. I heard him speaking English, saying [to someone] 'go in there. My friend is dying. He should know that he is free before he dies.' [The trapdoor to the ditch] opened up and there was an American soldier there . . . I was laying in the dark, in the dirt, and he told me, 'come, comrade, you are free now.' And then I started crying. I try to get to him, but I was, like paralyzed . . . I was crawling on the ground, trying to get to the door. And then he picked me up by the collar of my little jacket

[and] he was holding me. I remember I thought, 'Man, is the man strong!' . . . And he told me, 'You're free now. You understand? It's over.'" "As dirty and sick as I was, that soldier, that American soldier, kissed me. And I kissed him back, and he was holding me and took me [outside to ditch, into the light] and said, 'See? You are free now.' And he cried, too." After the liberation, Coenraad Rood was reunited with his wife Bep, who survived the war in hiding. And they made a new life for themselves in the United States.

You are free; it's over - the words of American soldiers to the victims of the Holocaust. Why do you seek the living among the dead? - the angels ask of the women who come to the tomb on Easter morning. Easter is God's never-ending invitation to freedom, his raising us up from "tombs" of selfishness and fear and anger and hatred. In the many manifestations of his compassion and mercy around us, God picks us up and carries us out of our prisons and ditches. And, in turn, we become "liberators" ourselves, picking up others from among the "dead" and restoring them to life and hope. In raising his son from the dead, God vindicates the Gospel of his Christ. In the light of Easter's empty tomb, every moment of forgiveness, every triumph of justice over persecution, every insistence of goodness in the face of horrendous evil, every act of compassion (no matter how simple or small) proclaims the good news that Christ is risen.

Reasons why we believe in the Resurrection of Jesus

- (1) Jesus himself testified to his Resurrection from the dead ([Mark 8:31](#); [Matthew 17:22](#); [Luke 9:22](#)).
- (2) The tomb was empty on Easter Sunday ([Luke 24:3](#)). Although the guards claimed ([Matthew 28:13](#)), that the disciples of Jesus had stolen the body, every sensible Jew knew that it was impossible for the terrified disciples of Jesus to steal the body of Jesus from a tomb guarded by an armed, 16-member Temple Guard detachment.
- (3) The initial disbelief of Jesus' own disciples in His Resurrection, in spite of His repeated apparitions, serves as a strong proof of His Resurrection. Their initial disbelief explains why the Apostles started preaching the Risen Christ only after receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.
- (4) The transformation of Jesus' disciples transformed men who were hopeless and fearful after the crucifixion ([Luke 24:21](#), [John 20:19](#)), into men who now were confident and bold witnesses to the Resurrection ([Acts 2:24](#), [3:15](#), [4:2](#)).
- (5) Neither the Jews nor the Romans could disprove Jesus' Resurrection by presenting the dead body of Jesus.
- (6) The Apostles and early Christians would not have faced martyrdom if they were not absolutely sure of Jesus' Resurrection.
- (7) The Apostle Paul's conversion from a persecutor of Christians to a zealous preacher of Jesus supports the truth of Jesus' Resurrection ([Galatians 1:11-17](#), [Acts 9:1](#), [Acts 9:24-25](#), [Acts 26:15-18](#)).
- (8) The sheer existence of a thriving, empire-conquering early Christian Church, bravely facing and surviving three centuries of persecution, supports the truth of the Resurrection claim.
- (9) The New Testament witnesses do not bear the stamp of dupes or deceivers. The Apostles and the early Christians were absolutely sure about the Resurrection of Jesus.

Anglican bishop and New Testament scholar N.T. Wright has commented incisively that if Jesus had not been raised bodily from the dead, Christianity would never have survived as a Messianic movement. Wright says that the clearest indication to a first-century Jew that someone was not the Messiah would be his death at the hands of the enemies of Israel. That the Church of Christ endured as a Messianic religion is possible only on the assumption that the Crucified One was, nevertheless, objectively alive.



Cape of Good Hope, but why?

You may remember a geography lesson from elementary school in which you learned that the southernmost point of Africa is a point which for centuries has experienced tremendous storms. For many years no one knew what lay beyond that cape, for no ship attempting to round that point had ever returned to tell the tale. Among the ancients it was known as the "Cape of Storms," and for good reason. But then a Portuguese explorer in the sixteenth century, Vasco De Gama, successfully sailed around that very point and found beyond the wild raging storms, a great calm sea, and beyond that, the shores of India. The name of that cape was changed from the Cape of Storms to the Cape of Good Hope. Until Jesus Christ rose from the dead, death had been the "cape of storms" on which all hopes of life beyond had been wrecked. No one knew what lay beyond that point until, on Easter morning, Jesus arose. The ancient visions of Isaiah became the victory of Jesus over our last great enemy.

Like those sixteenth century explorers, we can see beyond human death to the hope of heaven and eternal life with the Father. More than that, we dare to believe that we shall experience in our own human lives exactly what the Son of God experienced in His, for the risen Christ says to us, "Because I live, you shall live also." This is the heart of our faith. We need to seek our peace and joy in the Risen Jesus: The living presence of the resurrected Lord gives us lasting peace and celestial joy in the face of the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions of our day-to-day life. "Peace be with you" was his salutation to his disciples at all post-resurrection appearances. For the true Christian, every day must be an Easter Day lived joyfully in the close company of the Risen Lord.

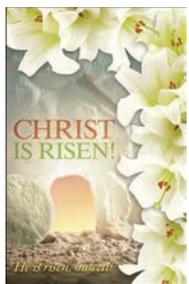
He Always Whistled!

Have you heard the story of the man whose hobby was growing roses? When he worked in his rose garden, he always whistled. It seemed to everyone that he was whistling much louder than was needed for his own enjoyment. One day a neighbor asked him why it was that he always whistled so loudly. The man then took the neighbor into his home to meet his wife. The woman was not only an invalid, but was completely blind as well. The man, you see, was whistling, not for his benefit, but rather for the benefit of his wife. He wanted his blind wife to know that he was nearby, and that she was not alone.

That story is a wonderful illustration of the significance of Easter Day. The affirmation, "Christ is risen!" reminds us that God is near, and the experiencing of his presence strengthens us in our weakness. We are to be bearers of the power of the Good News of resurrection. Resurrection is good news, but at the same time, it's sometimes painful because it involves death. Before the power of the resurrection can take hold in our own lives, we're called to die to sin, to die to self. We may even have to

He Always Whistled! (Cont'd from previous page)

die to our own dreams, so that God can do what He wants to do with our lives. Resurrection is about seeing our world in a new way. Early that Easter morning, Mary did not find what she was looking for, the dead body of Jesus. But she found something better than she could have imagined: the risen Jesus. Sometimes, the things we think we want most are not granted to us. What we get instead is an experience of God's new ways of working in the world. That's the power of the resurrection. When those moments come, we must spread the news--just as Mary did: We have seen the Lord!



From the Empty Tomb

It was a hot summer afternoon. The famous Hollywood film director Cecil B. DeMille was drifting in a canoe on a lake in Maine, reading a book. He looked away from the book momentarily, down to the lake. There a bunch of water beetles were at play. Suddenly one of the beetles began to crawl up the side of the canoe. When it got halfway up, it attached the talons of its legs to the wooden side of the canoe and died. DeMille watched for a minute; then he turned back to his book. About three hours later, DeMille looked down at the dead beetle again. What he saw amazed him. The beetle had dried up, and its back was starting to crack open. As he watched, something began to emerge from the opening: first a moist head, then wings. It was a beautiful dragonfly. DeMille sat there in awe. Then the dragonfly began to move its wings. It hovered gracefully over the water where the other beetles were at play. But they didn't recognize the dragonfly. They didn't realize that it was the same beetle they had played with three hours earlier. DeMille took his finger and nudged the dried-out shell of the beetle. It was like an empty tomb.

We are to come out of our empty tombs and to be resurrection people: Easter, the feast of the resurrection, gives us the joyful message that we are a "resurrection people." This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits and dangerous addictions. It gives us the good news that no tomb can hold us down anymore - not the tomb of despair, discouragement or doubt, nor that of death. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real presence of the resurrected Lord in all the events of our lives. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

Can an intelligent person believe in the resurrection?

Albert L. Roper was a prominent Virginia attorney, a graduate of the University of Virginia and its law school, who eventually became mayor of the city of Norfolk. He once



began a thorough legal investigation into the evidence for the resurrection of Christ, asking himself the question: Can any intelligent person accept the resurrection story? After examining the evidence at length, he came away asking a different question: Can any intelligent person deny the weight of this evidence? Even those who traveled for three years with Jesus experienced disbelief over His resurrection, but Jesus showed Himself alive by many infallible proofs. We don't base our faith on legends, myths, or fairy tales. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is well-documented, and many critics have been silenced (and even converted) when they've carefully investigated the evidence (Albert L. Roper, *Did Jesus Rise From the Dead* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 5309), foreword).

We have a risen Savior! He offers Himself to us today with many infallible proofs.

The resurrection of Jesus had certain special features. First, Jesus prophesied it as a sign of his divinity: "Tear down this temple and in three days I will build it again" (Jn 2: 19).

Second, the founder of no other religion has an empty tomb as Jesus has. We see the fulfillment of Christ's promise on the empty cross and in the empty tomb. The angel said to the women at Jesus' tomb: "Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? He is not here: he has been raised" (Luke 24: 5-6).

The third special feature is the initial disbelief of Jesus' own disciples in his resurrection, in spite of his repeated apparitions. This serves as a strong proof of his resurrection. It explains why the apostles started preaching the resurrected Christ only after receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

Proclamation and witness-bearing are the main themes of today's readings. In the first reading, St. Peter shares his own experience of Christ's resurrection and its joy with the newly baptized members of Cornelius' family. In the second reading, St. Paul bears witness to his experience of the risen Lord on the Damascus road which converted him from a persecuting Pharisee into a zealous apostle of Jesus. Today's gospel explains the empty-tomb resurrection experience of Mary Magdalene, Peter and John. Mary Magdalene proclaims her personal experience: "I have seen the Lord."

Pastoral Staff

He is risen! Alleluia!

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ's Resurrection from the dead. After dying on the cross on Good Friday, being in the stone cold tomb for three days, Christ rose from the dead.

When the disciples went to the tomb on Easter Sunday morning, the tomb was empty. Only the angel was there who asked why they were looking for Jesus in the tomb, saying, "He is not here. He is risen."

Easter is the greatest and most important feast in the church for three reasons.

- 1) The resurrection is the basis of our Christian faith.
- 2) Easter is the guarantee of our own Resurrection. Jesus said to Martha at the tomb of Lazarus, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live even though he dies.
- 3) And lastly, Easter is a feast which gives us hope and

encouragement in this world of pain, sorrow and tears.

Easter is an invitation to lead a life of resurrection. Easter gives us the joyful message that we are "Resurrection People." This means that we are not to be buried in the tomb of all that may be troublesome and worrisome in our lives. Instead it means we are expected to live a joyful life, constantly experiencing the real presence of the resurrected Lord in all the events of our lives amid the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions in our day to day life.

Lent is over. Good Friday has taken place. The time for sorrow is over.

It's time for joy! He is risen! Alleluia!

May the peace of the risen Lord be with You and your family today and throughout the Easter season .

Deacon Russ



Connect



Reserve your spot today for the St. Matthias School & Parish

YARD SALE

- Declutter your home
- Recycle usable items
- Sell or find a bargain
- Earn extra cash
- Help the school raise funds!

You can do all of the above by reserving space at our upcoming yard sale. Parishioners and school families are welcome to participate. Simply fill out the registration form (see links below) and remit it along with your check to the school **by TOMORROW, April 18th**. You can either send it to the school's main office, or you can mail it to St. Matthias School, 170 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Somerset, NJ 08873. Checks should be made payable to "St. Matthias School." All sellers will be responsible for setting up and cleaning up their rental spaces.

The yard sale will take place on **Saturday, April 30th, from 10 to 2 p.m.** Set-up time for sellers will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m. in the rear parking lot of the school. To register go to www.stmatthias.info and click on Yard Sale banner on the first page, or right-click on: <https://d2y1p2zy630308.cloudfront.net/29319/documents/2022/3/Yard%20Sale%20Registration%20Form.png> Either will give you the registration form; just print, fill out & turn in to the school office with your check.



Statewide Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure Sunday, May 15, 2022

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is excited to share that the 2022 New Jersey Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ, is scheduled for Sunday, May 15!

The cost for the day is \$55 per person (**\$25 for season ticket holders**) and includes advance entry into the park, a free return ticket to Park (see details online), a 3-hour all-you-can-eat buffet, Mass, the Opening Ceremony, and a Free Parking Pass. **Open to all Jr. High, High School, Young Adult Ministry, Scouting, Parish/School Athletic Programs, families, and all.**

Purchases tickets at: <https://diometuchen.org/youth-rally> before the May 6th deadline.

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Give (and Receive!)

Stewardship Reflection Apr 17, 2022 Easter Sunday

“... He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” (ACTS 10:38)

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, “we are made for greatness.” Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

Reflexiones — 17 de Abril de 2022 Domingo de Pascua

«...El anduvo haciendo bien y sanando a todos los oprimidos por el diablo; porque Dios estaba con Él.» (Hechos 10:38)

No podemos dar lo que no tenemos. Abra su corazón para recibir el amor, la misericordia y el perdón de Dios. Y luego, mostrar lo mismo a los demás. Somos hijos adoptivos de Dios, somos hechos a Su imagen y semejanza. Como dice el Papa Benedicto XVI, “hemos sido hechos para la grandeza”. Permitamos que nuestras vidas reflejen Su luz a los demás. Rece para vivir una vida agradecida y generosa. ¡Persiga la grandeza! ¡Hemos sido hechos para más! ¡Hemos sido hechos para Dios!

Serve

Where are We Headed as a Parish? Have You Served in a Ministry? We Need You!

Please consider this opportunity to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). We are currently seeking parishioners to serve on the PPC for the upcoming term. One third of parishioners rotate off the council every year, and their term ends this summer.

Members of the PPC must have experience serving in at least one other ministry in the parish.

If there is someone in the parish whom you think would be good to serve on the Pastoral Council, please also encourage them to contact the current Co-Chairs.

For more information, please contact Co-Chairs:
Claudine Langrin, ClaudMLangrin@gmail.com or
MaryBeth Vetter Purcell, marybeth.vetter@gmail.com

St. Matthias School Is Seeking to Fill Positions in the After School Program

The After School Program is in need of several new staff members for this year and next. Two shifts are available: **2:30-4:30 pm** OR **2:30-6:00 pm**. Both shifts are 4 days a week.

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The St. Matthias Seniors Ministry invites you to...

**Aging Gracefully:
Senior Day
at St. Francis Center for Renewal**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022
10:00 am-3:00 pm**



Presenter: Sister Marguerite Stewart, OSF.
To register, visit: <https://www.stfrancisctr.org/sfcr-store/p/senior-day>

You have seniority and you've earned your own special day of prayer, sharing, reflection and time to enjoy the inviting surroundings of St. Francis Center for Renewal! Join Sister Marguerite Stewart and the SFCR team for a special program on *Aging with Grace*, preceded by an opening prayer service and followed by lunch, discussion and sharing with other seniors, and a relaxing walk around our grounds. Share time with our Sisters as we pray together, share together and find grace as we age.

Registration is now open. Options are:

- Full-day in-person attendance — \$40 per person
- Bring a Friend (full-day in-person attendance for two) - \$75 per pair (spouse, friend, sibling, etc.)
- Online attendance of prayer service and Sister Marguerite's talk — \$20 per person

Carpooling from St. Matthias will be available if there is interest. Questions about the St. Matthias Seniors Ministry? Contact Sr. Marie Therese at msherwood@stmatthias.net



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**Day of Prayer — “Let Him Easter in Us”
Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 9:00 AM**

Retreat Leader: Judith Schiavo — We may need a resurrection of our ideas and attitudes towards other groups of people; how the two-year reign of Covid has changed our lives; how our experiences have affected who God is for us.

Day of Prayer— “Finding God in All Things: Celebrating the Life of St. Ignatius” — Sunday, May 1, 2022, 10 AM—3 PM

Retreat Leaders: Marie Santana & Kirk Renyonlds, SJ — This retreat is about the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola, and how his legacy invites us to see the world with open eyes to be able to discern God's path for our life, just like Ignatius experienced during his pilgrimage in Manresa.

Catholic Charities — Diocese of Metuchen is Hiring!

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About St. Matthias (please contact the staff members on the cover for up-to-date information)

Parish Registration — Welcome to St. Matthias! Please register on our website. www.stmatthias.net/join-us, or visit the Parish Office.

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

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing the Sacraments of Initiation--Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist, please call the Parish Office.



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