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 Sat - 5PM, Sun - 8, 10 AM & 12 noon
 M/T/W/Th/F at 8:00AM
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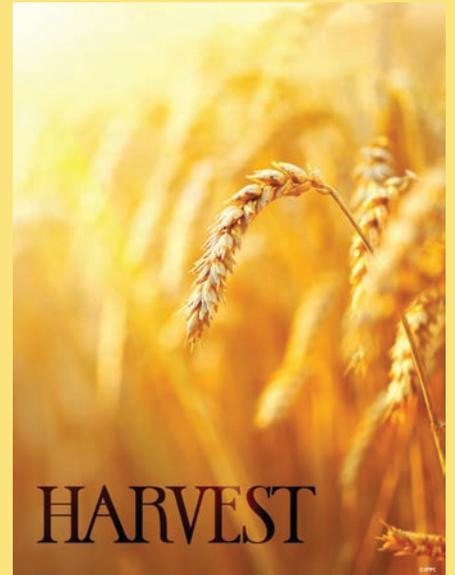
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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHIAS SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



There will be No Mass and the Parish Office will be closed.



Bishop Checchio & the Pioneers at 60th Anniversary Mass



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

Masses are also livestreamed on our YouTube channel: 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 Jul 3, 2022

8:00AM Mass Church
 10:00AM Mass Church
 12:00PM Mass Church

Monday, Jul 4, 2022 Independence Day, Parish Office Closed No Mass

Tuesday, Jul 5, 2022 St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest & St. Elizabeth of Portugal,

8:00AM Mass Church

Wednesday, Jul 6, 2022 St. Maria Goretti, Martyr

8:00AM Mass Church
 9:30AM Prayer Group 1—Holy Spirit de Porres Rm

Thursday, Jul 7, 2022

8:00AM Mass Church

Friday, Jul 8, 2022

8:00AM Mass Church

Saturday, Jul 9, 2022 St. Augustin Zhao & Co., Martyrs in China

3:30PM Reconciliation Church
 5:00PM Mass Church

Sunday Jul 10, 2022

8:00AM Mass Church
 10:00AM Mass Church
 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,

Last Sunday's 60th Anniversary Mass, presided by our Bishop Checchio, was a memorable event for everyone present in person or online. What was particularly touching was the presence of some of the original members of our parish who were there in 1962 to build up this parish that was led by our first pastor Fr. William McKenna. (See some of the pioneers on the cover page.) As we honored them with a luncheon in our cafeteria after the Mass, it was exciting to listen to some of their stories and anecdotes about the challenges of those early years. Jeff Hentz, the Co-chair of the Anniversary Committee, interviewed some of these pioneers. These will be made available soon for us to view.

Speaking of the Anniversary Committee, I have only words of appreciation for the many events and ideas they have been meticulously planning and implementing. Anne Marie Francis (Co-chair), Jeff Hentz (Co-chair), Dee Christmas, Pat Cullen, Joanne Diana, Gondee Tibay, Mary Frances, Emily Chavez, Sue Lenczewski and Msgr. Seamus Brennan deserve special gratitude from all of us for organizing these events – some of which will be happening in the coming months.

Happy July 4th weekend to all! On this anniversary of the declaration of independence from Great Britain in 1776, we celebrate the freedom we cherish. It was interesting for me to read that the first description of how Independence Day would be celebrated was in a letter from John Adams to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776. He described "*pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations*" throughout the United States. As we celebrate the positive aspects of our nation on this patriotic holiday, let this also be a time for us to express and give thanks for the freedom and liberties won for us by the first generation Americans.

Happy July 3rd to the Christians of India, who celebrate the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. This year his feast falls on a Sunday and therefore the Lord's Day takes precedence. But our neighboring Parish of St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Church on Elizabeth Avenue in Somerset, celebrate today as their parish feast with a 9-day Mass and Novena. I was the celebrant for one of the Novenas/ Masses. St. Thomas, better known by his nickname "doubting Thomas," evangelized southern India.

Some parishioners here and elsewhere have asked me if I was converted or my parents were converted to Christianity. The truth is that I am proud to belong to the "St. Thomas Christian Community" that traces its origin to St. Thomas himself. How could Thomas, one of the 12 Apostles, have reached India? Merchants from the Middle East used to go to India to buy spices and so Thomas reached India in one of their ships in the year 52 AD. He converted several Hindu families and established seven churches. He was martyred near Chennai and his tomb is in the Cathedral of San Thom. In fact it is interesting for us to know that there are only three Cathedrals in the world, built over the tomb of an apostle: St. Peter's in Rome, St. James in Santiago de Compostela (Spain) and St. Thomas in Chennai (India).

As we rightly celebrate our political freedom this July 4th weekend, let us not forget that the good news of freedom in Jesus Christ that St. Thomas proclaimed will always be ours.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Jul 2	5:00PM	Hugh Scott, by St. Matthias Folk Group
Sunday, Jul 3	8:00AM	Frank Campbell, by The Shafranski Family
	10:00AM	Gabriel Jayanthakumar, by The Family
	12:00PM	Jean McCann, by The Shafranski Family
	(5:30PM)	Intention of Parishioners
Monday, Jul 4	8:00AM	No Mass Independence Day
Tuesday, Jul 5	8:00AM	Jim Adams, by Connie & Anthony Rossi
Wednesday, Jul 6	8:00AM	Feast Day Blessings for Sr. Maria, by The OSF Community
Thursday, Jul 7	8:00AM	The Yacone Family, by Espy del Rosario
Friday, Jul 8	8:00AM	Birthday Blessings for Mary Gidaro, by Son, Joseph
Saturday, Jul 9	5:00PM	Nicandro Ventura, by Menchie Ventura & Family
Sunday, Jul 10	8:00AM	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Flynn, by Flynn-Rasimowicz Family
	10:00AM	Don Bacon, by Phil & Freda Russo
	12:00PM	Maria Raitano, by Linda Anthony Alfano & Family
	(5:30PM)	Intention of ParishionersJ

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Pray for those who are sick...

If you or a family member are sick, please call the Parish Office or **email Kelly Counts** at kcoun@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

Erika Adams

Carolyn Banghart

Brandon Barbarite

Gloria Barone-Tuckey

Edith Benko

Anthony Brandi

Barbara Butler

Tara Capatosto

Ellen Catalina

[Michael DiMaggio](#)

Mary Dolan

William Dolphin

Vivian Dong

Tom Duffy

Josephine Geenty

Claudia Gemgnani

Emma Gergely

Rose Gessner

Mary Gidaro

Sloopy & John Hoffman

Baby Isla-Rose Huffman

Rose Larangeira

The Litrakis Family

John Litrakis

Kenneth & Kelly Magat

Al Maglio

King Manansala

Susan & Tosh Manansala

Beatrice May

Margaret Menendez

Carol Millemann

Sabrina Moloney

Dave Moynihan

Eleanor Nagy

Janice Navatkowski

Jean Oberlander

Dan O'Brien

Danny Ongchangco

Paul & Doris Paetow

Robert Pellegrino

Jim Pettit

Christina Pietrowiak

Ruth Piscadlo

Gabriel Rivera

Jaxon Rivera

Barbara Ruziska

Maria Schwenzer

Lena Sciotto

Buddy Scott

Sr. Mary Amata Shina, OSF

Sr. Rosaria Shina, OSF

Dennis Stuewe

Jeff Sullivan

Jeff Tami

Angie Montalbo Tinio

Jeaninne Tosh

Regina Wellman

Mark T. Worthington

And for all who are ill, homebound, elderly, in nursing care, or living with chronic illness, we pray.

Pray for those who have died...

— “His mercy endures forever.” Chronicles

Amada Sanidad

Thomas Healy

Reflect



Smile with Your Family



Security and peace of mind were part of the reason a family moved to a gated community. Both flew out the window the night the husband called the local pizza shop for a delivery. "I'd like to order a large pepperoni please," he said, giving the address of his condominium. "We will be there in about half an hour," the kid at the other end replied and added, "Your gate code is still 1238, right?" 😊

What did the football coach say when he went to the bank? "I want my quarter back." 😊

My bank loves me. They told me my credit card balance is outstanding. 😊

What did the comedian say when he walked into a bank?

This is a stand-up. 😊

A guy walks into the bank, pulls out a gun, and screams, "Give me all your money or you're geography!" The teller replies, "Don't you mean history?" The robber yells, "Don't change the subject!" 😊

Late one night in Washington, a mugger wearing a ski mask jumped into the path of a well-dressed man and stuck a gun in his ribs. "Give me **your money!**" he demanded. Indignant, the affluent man replied, "You can't do this. I'm a United States Congressman!" "In that case," replied the robber, "give me **my money!**" 😊

Gathering again for Coffee

"Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves . . . "Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'" Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

Church coffee. Yeah, it can be pretty bland stuff. A far cry from Starbucks or Dunkin' or McDonald's. But, truth be told, we've missed church coffee. That coffee urn in the church hall has been kept pretty much in the cupboard during these COVID years. We've missed the donuts and pastries, too.

But church coffee is making its return — and we've come to appreciate its role in the life of a parish. Church coffee is about talking with one another, checking up on each other, offering to help with a ride to the doctor's, picking up the kids after practice, providing a casserole, shoveling a walkway. With church coffee in hand, we are the givers and receivers of congratulations and consolation, of empathy and insight. With church coffee, we bless, we comfort, we learn, we receive.

Upstairs in the church, in word and sacrament, we talk to God and God talks to us. Downstairs, God gathers us to talk to one another. With church coffee. To embrace and be embraced in the love of God defines us as God's church, as a community of faith. And only church coffee will do.

[Inspired by an essay by Kay Lynn Northcutt in *The Christian Century*, July 14, 2021.]

Our gathering for simple coffee mirrors the experience of the seventy-two in today's Gospel. Jesus sends them off with no magical powers; he vests no special authority in them. They're to go about their work with humility and joy. They're to offer peace to all. They're to accept with humility and gratitude whatever hospitality is offered. They're to be God's agents for healing and reconciliation. And Jesus promises that they will make a difference in people's lives — and their dedication to the work of the Gospel will make a difference in their own lives, as well. We've discovered these past two years without "church coffee" how much we have missed each other and how much the support and prayer of our church community bless our lives. May the good will engendered by "church coffee" be the extension of the Eucharist we celebrate together each Sunday.

Letter from Sr. Amata:

Dear Father Abraham, Peace and all Good!

Thank you for the invitation to your parish's 60th anniversary celebration. I would love to be there with all of my friends. Those twenty years at St Matthias were a blessing for me. They were an opportunity for me to grow in my relationship with my God. I will forever be grateful.

I am sorry to have to decline the invitation due to several health issues among which is Parkinsons. I would not be able to tolerate the drive to Somerset nor would be able to tolerate the length of the Mass and the reception. I am in a wheelchair and I could not sit for any long length of time. If the Mass will be televised please send me the link and I will be with you that way. Please let the parishioners know that they are remembered in my prayers.

*Thanks again, Father.
Sincerely, Sister M. Amata Shina, OSF*





One-man Army for Christ

The story of St. Philip Neri, who earned the title “Apostle of Rome” in the 16th century, is an example of the missionary zeal demanded by today’s Gospel. Philip came down to Rome in the early 1500s as an immigrant from Florence and a layman.

When he arrived, he was horrified by the physical and moral devastation of the city. Rome had been sacked in 1527 by the Germans who had left much of the city in ruins. The Gospel wasn’t being preached, and many priests and cardinals were living in open defiance of Christ’s moral teachings. Philip prayed to God to learn what he might do. He read the letters that St. Francis Xavier had sent back to Europe from India, where he had been converting tens of thousands. Philip thought that God was calling him to follow the great Basque missionary to India, to give his life in proclaiming the Gospel. When he went to his spiritual director and told him what he thought God was asking of him, the wise old priest affirmed his desire to serve and bear witness to Christ. However, he told Philip to focus his attention on re-evangelizing those around him, declaring, “Rome is to be your India!” This was quite a task for one man. But Philip, relying on God’s help, started — first as a layman, then as a priest — to convert Rome, one person at a time. He would cheerfully go to street corners and say, “Friends, when are we going to start to do good?” He developed various entertaining social and religious activities to give the people, especially the young people, better alternatives for their hearts and time than those offered by the debauched culture around them. His impact was enormous, and when he died in 1595, much of Rome had been reconverted. The same God who spoke to Philip almost five hundred years ago challenges each one of us this morning through the Scriptures, “Your parish and your family, your workplace and your parish are your mission field!”



Bond. James Bond. 007

007 – James Bond and Jesus’ disciples!

James Bond, according to MI5, is simply unacceptable as a spy. At least that is what MI5 said. In March 2003, MI5--Great Britain's domestic intelligence agency--reported that characters like James Bond are too tall to serve as spies in Her Majesty's Service because good spies should blend in with those around

“He did!”



When Disney World opened in 1971, Walt Disney was not present to witness the grand opening of his greatest dream come true - he had died five years earlier. During the spectacular opening ceremonies, the host of the festivities introduced Walt's widow, Lillian Disney, who would say a few words on stage for the occasion. "Mrs. Disney," the host beamed with reverence, "I wish Walt could have seen this." Lillian stood up, walked over to the podium, adjusted the microphone, and said, "He did." And then she sat down. That simple statement said it all. [Pat Croce, *Lead or Get Off the Pot!* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 2004), p. 9.]

Today’s Gospel tells us how Jesus planned the future of his church by selecting and training his disciples. Just as Jesus in today’s Gospel gives instructions to the seventy-two missionaries, he also gives each one of us a mission to carry out. There were just a handful of followers in Jesus’ day to preach the Good News, but today there are over one billion Roman Catholics and about a half billion other Christians (in 30,000 denominations!) who accept Jesus as “Lord” and “Savior.” So there are 1.5 billion missionaries in a world of six billion people. A recent survey asked the question, “Why do adults join the Catholic Church in spite of the scandals publicized in the media?” Seventy-five percent of the new adult converts to the Catholic Church reported that they were attracted by a personal invitation from a Catholic who had a lively relationship with Christ and his Church. As faithful Catholics, we will attract others to the Catholic Church—just as a rose attracts people by its beauty and fragrance. It’s our job. It’s our responsibility. We must not miss the current opportunities to be apostles in everyday life by our words and deeds.

them. Since the average man is 6' tall or less, then the upper acceptable height limit for Great Britain's male spies is 5' 11" and for female spies, the upper limit is 5' 8". All the actors who have played James Bond in the movies have been 6' or taller. By MI5's current standards, none of them would have been qualified to serve as real domestic spies. A secret agent can't exactly keep his secret status if he stands out too much [CNN.com - James Bond "too tall" to be a spy - Mar 6, 2004, International Edition London, England (Reuters).]

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don't think that Jesus chose his disciples on the basis of their height, do you? As he sent them out into the world, he certainly didn't seem concerned that they would stand out too much. In fact, he warned them that they would stand out as walking witnesses of Jesus' Good News -and that their mission could be dangerous. The Church is founded on the rock of Peter, a humble, uneducated fisherman who died for the Lord he loved. Compare his Faith and heroic witnessing with the "supermarket Catholicism" of our politicians who publicly proclaim their "Catholicism," yet support abortion, gay marriage, human cloning and experimentation with human embryos. We should not be "Catholics for a Free Choice" who oppose anything proposed by the Church, including the most basic right to life. Nor should we be arm-chair Catholics, spiritual weekend warriors, "cafeteria Catholics" or "barely-make-it-to-Mass" members of the Church, who bear counter-witness to Christ. Instead of giving counter-witness, let us become heralds of the Kingdom in our own homes by treating each other with profound respect. When spouses respect each other and, thus, teach their children to do the same, our neighbors will experience the Kingdom in our families, because the Kingdom of God is God's rule in our hearts enabling us to do His will.

Kim, the missionary, tells the whole truth!

A true story from Father Ray, sent to me by a priest friend: A couple of months ago, a man from our parish, Kim by name, came up to me and said, "Fr. Ray, please say an extra prayer for me. I'm giving a talk this afternoon to some high school teenagers at a public school, which my nephew attends. This year his class has been having 'motivational speakers' talk about how they have overcome the obstacles and difficulties they've faced in their lives. My nephew asked me to come and share my story." Fr. Ray said to him, "That's a public school, you know. Do you plan to tell them everything?" He asked that question because he knew Kim's story. Kim's step-son had been murdered, his step-daughter had died of cancer a week after she graduated from high school and his wife had been killed in a car accident. Prior to these tragedies Kim had lived the life of a pagan and hadn't even been baptized. In the midst of the terrible sadness caused by these tragic events, however, he had opened his heart to God and embraced the Catholic faith. So Father Ray knew that if Kim were going to tell them everything—including the part about the Church and Sacraments—the officials at the school might not like it.

So Fr. Ray repeated the question, "Do you plan to tell them

everything?" Without hesitation, Kim answered, "Absolutely!" Fr. Ray then told him, "Then I'll definitely pray for you – and if you get arrested for mentioning God, Jesus and the Catholic Church in a public school, I promise to come and visit you in prison!" Kim gave the talk. And what happened? The young people loved it! They thought it was so great that they voted him "the best speaker of the year," and asked him to return in the fall to tell his story to the whole school! This current incident illustrates the deep hunger for God still present in this materialistic world, and it shows that young people like to hear authentic, sincere, witnessing to Jesus Christ. In today's Gospel text (Luke 10), we are told that Jesus sent out seventy-two disciples into the towns he was planning to visit, to prepare people for his arrival. The disciples were to do this by proclaiming the Good News of God's love and salvation and by healing the sick. This is what Kim did for those high school students!

He healed the sick of heart by his words of witness, and he helped prepare some of them to receive Jesus Christ more fully into their lives! But it required courage. The mission of the seventy-two disciples was not a human project, and, hence, they needed strength from God to do the work. In proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom, we, too, participate in God's work. It is the Lord Who is working in and through us. He gives us the power to announce His presence with our lives. Therefore, constant contact with the Lord of the harvest is necessary. This means that we must be men and women of prayer -- not only for an hour a week at Mass but on a daily basis, and we need to make this our prayer: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers to the harvest."



Parenting Tune-Up

Religious ignorance is not good for our society. Teach your child about how others know God. All religions teach about God and God's plan for us. Hence we respect the religious practices of others who are different in faith. But we are so blessed to follow Jesus who is God-become-man who gave us the fullness of revelation.

Marriage Tune-Up



Independence Day! How much independence is good in a marriage? Certainly husband and wife should be able to stand on their own two feet and not rely on their spouse for identity and self-worth; BUT interdependence is better. What do you depend on your spouse to do around your home?

From the Pastoral Staff

St. Matthias ServiceWorX Week #1



For about 15 years, St. Matthias has been partnering with the *Center for FaithJustice* with *ServiceWorX* [a parish based service program for Middle School students] and more recently with *NeXt Level*, a project funded through the Lilly Endowment, is a transformative experience for parishes focused on empowering youth, developing intergenerational relationships, and living out the gospel through youth-led parish-wide campaigns rooted in the Catholic tradition of service and justice. Currently, *NeXt Level* has 9 parish participants of which St. Matthias is one of them.

At this week's camp here at our parish, 24 8th grade parishioners preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation next spring, are spending time each day at several different service sites in the area. They along with four supervising young adults from the *Center for Faith Justice* in Lawrenceville have been helping out at organizations such as *The Center for Great Expectations*, *Somerset CAP*, *Raritan YMCA*, *Unity Square*.

All the young people spend the morning after prayer, traveling to and serving at different sites in their small groups. Returning to St. Matthias at about 12:30PM, they first have lunch and a bit of outdoor recreation and then presentations and small group discussion on their experience connecting it to the Gospel and certain components of social justice.

Here are some pictures from this week:



St. Matthias 60th Anniversary Celebration

Here are more photos of our celebration!



Co-Chairs of Celebration Committee, Anne Marie Francis & Jeff Hentz



Pray



June 2022 Baptisms

The Catholic Community of St. Matthias welcomes the following children who were baptized in June 2022. 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.

Arya Asir Azuga
Sophia Raquel Biondi
Emmanuel Luis Carmona

Grace Marie Kropiewnicki
Tegan Marie Long
Case John Long

Peyton Ann Long
Ella Paige Rossbach
Nathan Charles Schaeffer



Altar Servers Wanted!

Are you a student in grade 5 or higher? Would you like to play a prominent role at Mass each week? We are looking for students that would like to join the Altar Servers Ministry. If you are interested in joining this ministry, Click here to register, www.stmatthias.net/liturgical

Learn



Have you considered registering your child to attend SMS this September and have him/her learn about Jesus throughout the school day?

Saint Matthias School continues to accept new students for the 2022-2023 school year for PreK 3, PreK 4, and Kindergarten through grade 8. Before School and After School programs available. ALL are welcome! Explore our website, www.stmatthias.info, and contact Maria Kosty at mkosty@stmatthiasnj.org to schedule an appointment. We look forward to welcoming your child!



SMS MUSICAL THEATER INTENSIVE

AUGUST 8TH-12TH, 2022
MON-FRI 9AM-3PM
ST. MATTHIAS SCHOOL
170 JFK BLVD
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END OF THE WEEK PERFORMANCE CABARET
\$150 PER STUDENT

To register contact:
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Connect

How to Schedule Meetings & Events at St. Matthias



Is your ministry group planning to schedule a meeting or event, either in-person or via Zoom? If so, please first check our “live” Parish Calendar which can be found on the home

page of our website - www.stmatthias.net This calendar is up-to-date and will help you avoid conflicts and double-bookings.

Then email Trish Stumper at tstumper@stmatthias.net with your meeting/event information. She will upload the information to the Parish Calendar, which reserves the room (if needed) and the time slot. If you need to make changes,

please let Trish know right away so she can update the “live” calendar.

Note that some rooms may be unavailable even if this is not visible on the calendar. For example, we may be temporarily using a room to stage/sort through tech equipment. Trish has all of this information.

So remember – For ALL meetings and events,

- 1) Check the online calendar first, and then
- 2) Email Trish to schedule your event/meeting. Thanks!

Give (and Receive!)

Stewardship Totals for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022				Last Year's Total
Current Month	In-Pew/Mail	Parish Giving	Weekly Total	Weekly Total
Week 49 - June 5, 2022	\$18,111.00	\$18,209.75	\$36,320.75	\$29,972.92
Week 50 - June 12, 2022	\$6,880.00	\$22,285.25	\$29,165.25	\$32,905.25
Week 51 - June 19, 2022	\$9,123.00	\$12,903.25	\$22,026.25	\$23,851.75
Week 52 - June 26, 2022	\$11,038.00	\$9,185.25	\$20,223.25	\$19,543.25
			Month-to-date Total	June Total Last Yr
			\$107,735.50	\$106,273.17
			Current Year-to-date	Year-to-date as of Jun
			\$1,364,748.56	\$1,325,691.37

Stewardship Reflection Jul 3, 2022 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“He said to them, ‘The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...’” Luke 10:2

As Catholics we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given “charisms” otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God’s Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your charisms. Say “yes” to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

Reflexiones — 3 de julio 2022 - 14^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Él les dijo, “La cosecha es abundante, pero los trabajadores son pocos...” Lucas 10:2

Como Católicos todos estamos llamados a servir. A cada uno de nosotros se nos han otorgado “carismas”, también conocidos como dones del Espíritu Santo, para ayudarnos a construir la Iglesia de Dios. Nuestros carismas solamente pueden utilizarse para bien. Sabemos que los estamos utilizando en el ministerio correcto cuando nos sentimos llenos de alegría y queremos compartir las historias acerca de nuestras obras de caridad. Descifre como Dios lo llama a utilizar sus carismas. ¡Dígale “sí” al llamado de Dios y luego póngalo en práctica! Comparta su alegría e invite a los demás a hacer lo



Part-Time Summer Help
St. Matthias Church is looking for part-time summer janitorial help. This is a perfect opportunity for a responsible high school or college student.

For more details, please contact Mary Pat Burke-Grospin at 732-828-1400 ext. 121 or mpburke-grospin@stmatthias.net.

Connecting with Our Local Community



Rally for Life

On Saturday, June 25, LIFENET together with the other pro-life groups which comprise the NJ Working Together Pro-life Coalition, held a “Rally for Life and Justice” at the Statehouse Annex in Trenton. The rally took place the day after the US Supreme Court’s ruling in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization case which overturns the catastrophic January 1973 Roe v. Wade decision which legalized abortion in all fifty states. Two hundred fifty people stood in the 90+ degree heat to celebrate this historic news

SAINT MATTHIAS SCHOOL POSITIONS AVAILABLE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

- 1. INSTRUCTIONAL AID** needed for Pre-Kindergarten class. Candidates must have a minimum of 60 college credits and will assist the classroom teacher in all aspects of pre-school teaching. Twenty-nine hours per week maximum, Monday thru Friday. Compensation is hourly.
- 2. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ASSISTANTS** needed. The program begins at 2:30 and ends at 6:00. Compensation is hourly. Working options include 1, 2 or 3 days per week. Some duties include homework help, indoor and outdoor games, playtime, overall monitoring of children in grades Pre-K 3 to 8.
- 3. SUBSTITUTES** needed to teach Pre-Kindergarten 3 to grade 8. Candidates must have a minimum of 60 college credits and be available Monday thru Friday.
- 4. FOOD SERVICE WORKER** needed to join our cafeteria staff in September. This is a part-time position. We are looking for candidates that are friendly; able to establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers, students and staff; and able to work as a team in a fast

paced environment. No experience necessary.

Duties and Responsibilities

Primary responsibilities include providing assistance to the school lunch program by preparing and serving food to school students and staff.

In addition, your duties include restocking and maintaining supplies for the kitchen and cafeteria, as well as maintaining and cleaning the kitchen, equipment, and washing dishes. You are required to stand and be able to lift up to 35 pounds.

Prior to employment, all candidates for all positions will be:

- *Fingerprinted
- *Subject to a background check
- *Complete the “Protecting God’s Children” Program
- *Be in compliance of the school’s vaccination requirement

If interested, please contact Joe Gidaro, jgidaro@stmatthiasnj.org OR Mary Lynch, mlynch@stmatthiasnj.org

Parish Leadership

Parish Pastoral Council:	Co-Secretaries:	Ana Kelly, Ex-Officio	Parish Finance Council:	Joe Porter
Co-Chairs:	Frank Rees	Fr. Abraham, Ex-Officio	Kester Hector, Chair	Joan Pritchard
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	Bill Isele	Marge Richards	Gwen Orłowski	
	Maria Tapia-Burch		Audrey Francis	

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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