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## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHIAS

### SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

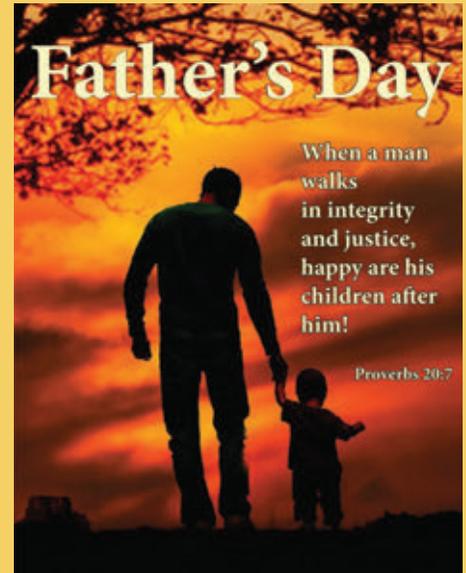
#### Highlights—This Week

Saturday, June 19, is Juneteenth.

Join a Social Justice Reflection on Racism in the Catholic Church at 10 AM on Zoom. We will be watching and discussing excerpts from America Media's interview with Fr. Bryan Massingale, with opportunity for discussion. Join us at: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/9702883550> M. ID: 970 288 3550

If you missed the morning session, the interview is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TOLfWNycD4A>

**Happy Fathers Day!**



#### Father's Day Gratitude Prayer

Dear GOD:

- I want to thank You for what you have already done.
- I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards, I am—  
thanking you right now
- I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better, I am  
thanking you right now.
- I am not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until they stop  
talking about me, I am thanking you right now.
- I am not going to wait until the pain in my body disappears, I am  
thanking you right now.
- I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves, I am going  
to thank you right now.
- I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the house is  
quiet, I am going to thank you right now.
- I am not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I get the job,  
I am going to thank you right now.
- I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that  
has caused me pain or grief, I am going to thank you right now.
- I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are  
removed. I am thanking you right now.
- I am thanking you because I am alive.
- I am thanking you because I made it through the day's difficulties.
- I am thanking you because I have walked around the obstacles.
- I am thanking you because I have the ability and the opportunity to do  
more and do better.
- I'm thanking you because FATHER, you haven't given up on me.

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## This Week at St. Matthias

- **All Masses** will be celebrated **in-person** (overflow in the cafeteria).
- **Masses** will also be **livestreamed on our YouTube channel: [youtube.com/c/StMatthiasSomersetNJ](https://www.youtube.com/c/StMatthiasSomersetNJ)**

The Church is open for **individual prayer** Sun-Fri from 7:30 am to 7pm & Sat from 9 am to 7pm, unless another event is taking place (Mass, Funeral, Wedding, etc.)

### Sunday, Jun 20, 2021 **Father's Day**

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

### Monday, Jun 21, 2021

8:00AM	Mass	Church
8:30AM	Miraculous Medal Novena	Church
6:00PM	Property Mgt. Mtg.	Zoom

### Tuesday, Jun 22, 2021

8:00AM	Daily Mass	Church
7:30PM	Hand Bell rehearsal	Church

### Wednesday, Jun 23, 2021

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

### Thursday, Jun 24, 2021

8:00AM	Daily Mass	Church
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### Friday, Jun 25, 2021

8:00AM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00PM	Pastoral Council Retreat	Cafeteria

### Saturday, Jun 26, 2021

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

### Sunday, Jun 27, 2021

8:00AM	Mass	Church
9:30AM	Service WorX—Wk. 1	John XXIII & Cafe
10:00AM	Mass	Church
10:00AM	Commissioning of the Pastoral Council	
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](mailto:bulletin@stmatthias.net) by **12 Noon, Thursday, 9 days before the intended issue** (earlier for holiday weekends). Approved content is published on a space-available basis.

## From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago we celebrated our moms and offered Mass to them. Celebrating Father's Day today, we are doing the same – offering our dads, on the altar of God during this Holy Mass and invoking our heavenly Father's blessings on them while we thank God for the life of those dads who are called to eternal life. At a time when the Fathers' role in the family and in society is not fully appreciated, it is good that today we can celebrate, congratulate and pray for the men who continue to reflect the Divine qualities of fatherhood as they lovingly establish, nourish and maintain their families.



Lucille Ball, who became one of America's top comedic actresses with the 1950s TV show, *I Love Lucy*, did a remarkable TV interview with Merv Griffin shortly before her death. He asked her a very serious and pointed question: "Lucille, you've lived a long time on this earth and you are a wise person. What's happened to our country? What's wrong with our children? Why are our families falling apart? What's missing?" Lucille Ball answered without hesitation: "*Papa's missing. Things are falling apart because Papa's gone. If Papa were here, he would fix it.*"

Her pertinent comment has been confirmed with some recent studies that have demonstrated how important a father is to his child's development. Children with fathers present have lower rates of delinquency, drug and alcohol use, teen pregnancy, and so on, than those with absent fathers. The father's presence is also a significant positive factor in children's getting a college education, finding a satisfying job, and making a lasting marriage. Psychotherapists today are saying that both parents are vitally important to the stable development of their children; the mother's input is invaluable in the formative pre-adolescent years but the father's most important influence is at adolescence. Single mothers tell us that it is terribly difficult to teach their children about the meaning of God the Father Who seems so impersonal because their children have been abandoned by their natural fathers. Adolescent daughters long to hear from their fathers that they are beautiful and loved. In fact, a girl's choice of a partner and satisfaction in marriage is often directly related to the relationship she has had with her father.

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the vital importance of the father's role comes from the fact that, with his wife, he *cooperates with God the Creator* in bringing a new human life into the world. There is no power greater than that (#2367). I invite us all to have a look at a few Biblical references to fathers: Genesis 2:24, Exodus 20:12, Ezekiel 19:19-20, Sirach 3:1-16, Matthew 19:16-22, John 1:14, 2 Cor. 6:16-18, Ephesians 6: 1-4, 1 Thess. 2:11 – 12.

Happy Father's Day!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Orapankal

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

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

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

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

**Friday:** Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50, 53, 54-55; Mt 8:5-17

**Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Saturday, Jun 19</b>	5:00PM	Rita Lisi, by Girl Scout Troop #66404
<b>Sunday, Jun 20</b>	8:00AM	Ligaya Encarnacion Bautista, by Jimbo Delacruz
	10:00AM	Raquel Fischbach, by The Rosary Altar Society
	12:00PM	The Andrade—Gavilanes Dads, by The Gavilanes Family
	5:30PM*	Intention of Parishioners
<b>Monday, Jun 21</b>	8:00AM	Salvatore Puleo, by Fr. Abraham, Msgr. Joe Curry, & The St. Matthias Community
<b>Tuesday, Jun 22</b>	8:00AM	Bernard Anthony Lovend, by Glen Pettit
<b>Wednesday, Jun 23</b>	8:00AM	Alfonso DeSantis & Carmelita Zutter, by Alma Valdez
<b>Thursday, Jun 24</b>	8:00AM	Barbara McAllister, by Pat & Frank Sellinger
<b>Friday, Jun 25</b>	8:00AM	Anthony E. Ciccotelli, Jr., by Mary Pat Burke-Grospin
<b>Saturday, Jun 26</b>	5:00PM	Joseph Doyle, by Isabelle & John Baker
<b>Sunday, Jun 27</b>	8:00AM	Ursula Morgenberger, by The Marold & Collins Families
	10:00AM	Marie Charles Pierre, by Yanick Andre
	12:00PM	Alfred Jago, by The Madison Family
	5:30PM*	Intention of Parishioners

\*Mass intentions for the 5:30PM Mass will combined with the that at the 12PM Mass.

## 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](mailto: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.

Beth & Jay Adams	Mary Dolan	Beatrice May	Maria Schwenzer
Elbren, Sr. & Natalia Agdeppa	Marty Dolphin	Margaret Menendez	Sr. Mary Amata Shina, OSF
Lucille Albani	William Dolphin	Gail Miranda	Sr. Rosaria Shina, OSF
Kristy Alexander	Dorothy Domenici	Dave Moynihan	Encarnacion (Gina) So
Carolyn Banghart	Josephine Geenty	Baby Ezran Natural	Alessandro Spagnolo
Maria Barreiro	Claudia Gemgnani	Patricia Nese	Dennis Stuewe
Marie Brody	Emma Gergely	Danny Ochangco	Jeff Tami
Baby Isla-Rose Callahan	Rose Gessner	Julianne Opydike	Madeline Tarantino
Tara Capatosto	Mary Gidaro	Agnes Paduch	Fred & Carolyn Vanmiddlesworth
Ellen & Frank Catalina	Emma Himey	Maria Pennington	Carmencita Ventura
Sean Clancy	Sloopy Hoffman	Jim Pettit	Eulalia Villanueva
Barbara Coan	Taylor LaCort	Christina Pietrowiak	Al Wojciechowski
Wes Coddington	Al & Rose Larangeira	Oscar Poisler	Leon Wojna
Tom Current	William Lecorchick	Anthony & Andrew Referente	Mark T. Worthington
Joseph DeFrancesco	The Litrakis Family	Kathleen & Mannix Referente	
Adoracion & Cenon DeGuzman	Kenneth & Kelly Magat	Chris Retz	Everyone who is ill with Covid-19
Mary Ellen Delaney	Al Maglio	Ann Ritchick	...and for all who are homebound,
Alaina Derecola	Sue Maglio-Alese	Angela Romanek	elderly, in nursing care, or living with
Surya & Juliany Dharma	Shirley Mahoney	Datius Rutashobya	chronic illness
Nancy Diaz	Susan, Tosh, & Bongking	Lettice Kinunda Rutashobya	
Jim Dolan	Manansala	Rudy Schaar	

## Pray for those who have died...

Adulcia Franka Davis—sister of Helen Ojo & Camille SeeWai  
Jack DiDie—brother of Susanne Adams—“His mercy endures forever.” *Chronicles*

# From the Pastoral Staff

## “Let Go and Let God”

On this twelfth Sunday in Ordinary time, our gospel reading reminds us that God desires that we have faith and trust in Him at all times. Saint Mark writes that when the disciples woke Jesus they thought they were perishing in the boat from a violent squall, Jesus said, “Why are you afraid? Do you not have faith?”

How often in our lives, do we arrive at the point where we question our faith and trust in God? It is an aspect of our human nature in which we probably wished it would not happen, especially because in our inner being we know that God is with us and loves us always. Worry and uncertainty creeps its way into each of us when we least expect it. This has been especially true in the last fifteen months in which we have been living a “violent squall” of a different type, COVID-19. Unfortunately, too many people did perish from the Coronavirus, and others lived in fear of it. Our lives were very much like the disciples in the boat: death, worry, and uncertainty took us over, barring us from God’s goodness and care. During the pandemic that we all lived through, it is not easy “to let go and let God,” as the saying goes. Then different disciples working together attained remedies for us. These disciples, known as scientists, doctors, members of the CDC, technicians, etc. helped remove the fear of perishing by realizing vaccines in record time. Yet, our fears are not totally gone. Talk of variants and booster shots makes

us keep vigilant and return to faith and trust in our Triune God. Prayer truly helps us in our day-to-day living with COVID-19. Reach out to our heavenly Father with your concerns. Be not afraid and have faith.

Likewise today, on this national holiday, we pray for our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, stepfathers and every other person who has taken on these roles in our lives. We salute them with the recognition and thanksgiving they deserve. Their love sustains us and guides us through all of the “violent squalls” we come up against in life. God Himself models a Father’s love in His Son who He sent to us for the forgiveness of our sins and to share His everlasting love. In this year in which our Holy Father Pope Francis has dedicated to Saint Joseph, we have in Saint Joseph the model of a man who graciously said, “Yes” to God and showed us in his tender way his fatherly devotion and care to his foster child, Jesus.

Happy Father’s Day!

Mr. J. Gidaro  
SMS Vice Principal



# Reflect

### Parenting Tune-Up

"Our Father, who art in heaven..." Note that we say "Our" Father not "My" Father since God is father to all the children of the earth. Yes, remember your own father on June 17, but also remember those children whose father is absent, unemployed, deployed in a foreign land, abusive, or in some other way not present. Can you be like a father to someone who needs you?



### Marriage Tune-Up

Summer officially begins June 21. Traditionally this is a time of rest and vacations. Have you planned a get-away for just the two of you? Even if you can't take a "real" vacation fantasize together about a dream vacation either at home or away. A staycation counts.



### A Prayer on Father’s Day!

God our Father, in Your wisdom and love You made all things.  
Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

### Memorable Quotes!

“Fathers are the great gift-givers of the world!”  
– Mrs. John Bruce Dodd, founder of Father’s Day  
“One father is worth more than a hundred schoolmasters.”  
– George Herbert





## Smile With Your Family



**Smart son's letter:** "Dear Dad, school is great. I'm making lots of friends and studying hard. I simply can't think of anything I need, so just send me a card, as I would love to hear from you.

Love, Your son.

**Smarter dad's reply:** Dear Son, I know astronomy, economics and oceanography are enough to keep even an honor student busy. Do NOT forget that the pursuit of knowledge is a noble task, and you can never study enough. Love, Dad



**A small boy was at the zoo** with his father. They were looking at the tigers, and his father was telling him how ferocious they were. "Daddy, if the tigers got out and ate you up..." "Yes, son?" the father asked, ready to console him. And the son asked, "... Which bus would I take home?"

**Wise dad to teenage son:** "No, you can't use the car—but please feel free to use the lawnmower."

### The Stages of Fatherhood

- 4 Years Of Age - My daddy can do anything.
- 8 Years Of Age - My dad knows a lot.
- 12 Years Of Age - My father doesn't really know quite everything.
- 14 Years Of Age - Naturally, father doesn't know that, either.
- 16 Years Of Age - Father? He's hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 18 Years Of Age - That old man? He's way out of date.
- 25 Years Of Age - Well, he might know a little bit about it.
- 35 Years Of Age - Before we decide, let's get dad's opinion.
- 45 Years Of Age - Wonder what dad would have thought about it.
- 65 Years Of Age - Wish I could talk it over with dad.

We may laugh at this caricature of a dad. But the reality of the greatness of a dad is immortalized in this poem by Brie Carter:

**God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it... Dad!  
Dads, be proud of your calling!**

### The Father's Blessing

Gary Smalley, popular author and psychologist, asked 100 people, "What is one specific way you knew that you had received your parents' blessing?" Here are some of those answers:

1. "My father would put his arm around me at church and let me lay my head on his shoulder."
2. "When my father was facing being transferred at work, he purposely took another job so that I could finish my senior year in high school at the same school."
3. "When I wrecked my parent's car, my father's first reaction was to hug me and let me cry instead of yelling at me."
4. "When I was thirteen, my dad trusted me to use his favorite hunting rifle when I was invited to go hunting with a friend and his father."
5. "My father went with me when I had to take back an ugly dress a saleswoman had talked me into buying."
6. "My father would let me practice pitching to him for a long time when he got home from work."
7. "Even though I had never seen him cry before, my father cried during my wedding because he was going to miss me no longer being at home."

### Who is the 4<sup>th</sup> Person?

In the Gardiner Museum in Boston there is a painting by Rembrandt entitled "The Storm on the Sea of Galilee." It is Rembrandt's interpretation of this scene. It shows panic etched on the faces of the disciples, as their small vessel is being raised up on a high wave, about to be crashed down. Two of the disciples are attempting to rouse Jesus who is asleep in the stern of the boat. But if you look more closely, you will discover that there is something that is not quite right. There are too many people in the picture. So you count them. There are fourteen. There should only be thirteen (twelve disciples and Jesus). But instead there are fourteen. It is then that you notice that one of the men in the boat is Rembrandt. He has painted himself into the picture. He has placed himself in the same boat.

**This is precisely what we should do. It is the way that we are supposed to interpret this passage. We are in the boat with Jesus, faithful but frightened. There is no immunity for any of us. We are caught up in the same fix. I suspect most of us would rather be numbered with the exceptions. Either we would like to believe that storms will never strike us or that Faith will never fail us.**

## Book of Job and the Problem of Suffering

Today's First reading is from the *Book of Job* which was probably written by a Jewish sage sometime around the time of the Exile. It addresses the problem of human suffering but does not solve it. The book is a kind of folktale and the central character, Job, represents a good person who must deal with the agony of undeserved suffering. In this week's text, God addresses Job for the first time, questioning his right to challenge God's authority and leading Job deeper and deeper into the mystery of creation. God tells Job that He is the Creator and Lord of the sea and the waters, and only He can control the wind and the sea and the other elements. "I set limits for the sea and fastened the bar of its door." *The Book of Job*, taken in its totality, teaches the lesson that God has plans and purposes which mortal men cannot grasp. It also states that, although the wicked prosper and the innocent suffer for a time, YAHWEH finally redresses the wrongs suffered by the innocent!

## The Allegoric Meaning of Today's Gospel

Many of the Fathers of the Church consider this miracle of calming the storm in the sea as an allegory of the early Church. The boat in the stormy lake is a symbol of the Church facing challenges from inside and various forms of suppression and persecution from outside. The faithful in such situations wondered if Jesus had deserted his Church. But in their desperate cry for help they were able to experience the inner peace and strength of Jesus. Very often the Church and the faithful have no control over the political and social developments of our society. But, no matter what we are experiencing, we can -- with the help of Jesus -- find peace. It is the peace which only He can give. And it is a peace which no person and nothing can take away from us.

## "Lord, I can do nothing. Will You take care of Me?"

Do you know how that truth became real to J.C. Penny, the founder of the retail chain that bears his name? In his autobiography, *Fifty Years with the Golden Rule*, Penny talks about being in a sanitarium one night when he thought he was dying. He wrote several letters and went to bed, fairly certain that he would not be alive the following morning. But he was still alive when morning came. So he got up and started to walk down the hall. Then he heard people singing: "Be not dismayed whate'er betide. God will take care of you." A few people were having an early Morning Prayer meeting, and he slipped in and sat down in the back. Someone read quietly from the Bible, and led a prayer. Before long, Mr. Penny began a spontaneous prayer. He prayed, "Lord, I can do nothing. Will you take care of me?" In the next few moments something did indeed happen to him. In his own words, "It was a miracle." What happened was that J.C. Penny had met the One who can calm life's storms.

***We need to accommodate Jesus in our boat of life. All of us are making a journey across the sea of time to the shore of eternity. Hence, it is natural that, occasionally, we all experience different types of violent storms in our lives: physical storms, emotional storms, and spiritual storms. We face storms of sorrow, doubt, anxiety, worry, temptation and passion. The storms we encounter in life are often what make us or break us. These storms can either bring us closer to God and one another or alienate us from God and others. And it is only Jesus who can still these storms for us. Jesus can give us real peace in the storm of sorrow. When we are totally depressed with sorrow Jesus assures us of the glory of the life to come. Jesus consoles us at the loss of our dear ones with the assurance of eternal life for them in the Heavenly home of God the Father where we, too, will live one day. When the storms of doubt seek to uproot the very foundations of our Faith, Jesus is there to still that storm, revealing to us his Divinity and the authority behind the words of the Holy Scripture. Jesus gives us peace in a tempest of doubt, tension and uncertainty, provided we humbly submit to Jesus' guidance. He gives us peace in the storms of anxiety and worry about ourselves, about the unknown future and about those we love. Jesus calms the storms of passion in people who have hot hearts and blazing tempers. Jesus is the captain of the boats of our souls. He won't stop all the storms of our souls, but he will see to it that we do not sink, if we keep our Faith and keep calling for his help.***

## Exterior and Interior Storms

Victor Hugo, who is famous for his novel, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, also wrote a story called "Ninety-Three." It tells of a ship caught in a dangerous storm on the high seas. At the height of the storm, the frightened sailors heard a terrible crashing noise below the deck. They knew at once that this new noise came from a cannon, part of the ship's cargo, that had broken loose. It was moving back and forth with the swaying of the ship, crashing into the side of the ship with terrible impact. Knowing that it could cause the ship to sink, two brave sailors volunteered to make the dangerous attempt to retie the loose cannon. They knew the danger of a shipwreck from the cannon was greater than the fury of the storm.

***That is like human life. Storms of life may blow about us, but it is not these exterior storms that pose the gravest danger. It is the terrible corruption that can exist within us which can overwhelm us. The furious storm outside may be overwhelming but what is going on inside***

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**can pose the greater threat to our lives. Our only hope lies in conquering that wild enemy. Unfortunately storms that rage within us cannot be cured by ourselves. It takes the power of God's love, as revealed in Jesus Christ. He is our only hope of stilling the tempest that can harm our souls and cripple our lives. That's what the disciples learned this day on the Sea of Galilee.**

### Is Christ Asleep when we are Struggling?

Linda Sledge recalls a day from her childhood that she will never forget. She was playing in the sand of a Hawaiian beach near where she lived, building towers with her red shovel and bucket. She had wandered away from her parents. Suddenly a great wave knocked her off her feet into the ocean. She managed to get up on her feet, but the sand was flowing out from under her feet. Then another wave struck, and she had no footing. She cried out for her parents. All she could see was the vast ocean ahead. She thought she was doomed. Just then two strong arms reached out from behind and pulled her to safety. "Don't be afraid," her father said. "I've been watching you all the time." Those are Christ's words to us. He is not sleeping. He is watching over us.

**Yet there have been times when we might often be tempted to think that Christ is asleep: when we sit by, helplessly watching the sufferings of a loved one, or in the face of personal tragedy, or in times of depression or natural disaster. In such moments we instinctively turn to God and yet sometimes we don't find Him or He seems far away, apparently busy with other matters. But in our Gospel passage today, Jesus does calm the storm. And that's just it. Jesus does calm the storm -- not all storms forever, but each storm individually at the right moment, just when calming is needed. In AA (Alcoholics Anonymous, and in all the dependency groups based on the AA Model), there is a slogan which says "Let Go - and Let God." It is a marvelously liberating thing to let go, and to let God -- to trust God to make things come out right instead of worrying about how we are going to make this happen ourselves, to decide to act in His will instead of worrying about how to do what we want to do, instead of trying to fix everything on our own.**

## Pray



### Liturgical Ministries Seeking New Members!

Are you being Called to be a Liturgical Minister - Hospitality Minister, Minister of Holy Communion, Lector? **AND** - are you ready to return to church?

If you answered "yes" to both, please contact Phyllis Stone in the Parish Office. We are looking to rebuild these ministries as we enter this new "open" phase of what we hope is the end of the pandemic. Contact information – 732-828-1400 x 127 or [pstone@stmatthias.net](mailto:pstone@stmatthias.net).

## Learn

### St. Matthias School Positions Available for the 2021-2022 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 preschool 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, and 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.

For all positions, candidates must be VIRTUS trained and go through a background check. If interested, please contact [jgidaro@stmatthiasnj.org](mailto:jgidaro@stmatthiasnj.org).



## Donate SMS Uniforms

Have your children outgrown their SMS uniforms? Please donate them so other students can use them in the fall.

A tote is available in the church's Cry Room for SMS parents to place their uniform donations over the summer. Just drop the uniforms in the tote the next time you come to Mass. The uniforms will then be available at the Back-to-School Uniform Swap. Questions? Contact Christie Low, SMS Uniform Swap Chair, at [smsuniformswap@outlook.com](mailto:smsuniformswap@outlook.com)



## Letter from Elena Malinconico, SMS Principal

It is hard to believe this school year has come to an end and my time at St. Matthias is also coming to a conclusion. We made it!!! The pandemic did not stand in our way. We came together as a community, we learned and we thrived.

When I made the decision to follow my passion and move on to my next assignment, I asked God why he would lead me here for this short time. In my prayers, I believe I received the answer. It was my job to help this beautiful community through the pandemic and keep a watchful eye on this school until the next principal, Mrs. Lynch, was ready to lead you into the future. Mrs. Lynch is ready!

I hope I have left this wonderful school a bit better than I found it and I was a good caretaker of it. I will keep St. Matthias School in my thoughts and prayers. I feel exceedingly comfortable and happy knowing Mrs. Lynch will lead you with passion, caring, and the desire to improve St. Matthias each and every day.

I would like to thank from the bottom of my heart Mr. Gidaro! He was my rock and cheerleader each day as we journeyed through this year without a map. No one knows this school better than Mr. Gidaro. St. Matthias is blessed to have him here working with our students and teachers over the past nine years. Mrs. Lynch will be the beneficiary of his sage advice and educational knowledge as she navigates the position of principal...

As we begin our break from school to enjoy the long, lazy days of summer, I pray for more normalcy for all of us, rejuvenation from a year of hardships, and the joy of spending time with family and friends. I will miss this beautiful community but I leave here knowing I did what I was needed to do and I am leaving you in the most capable of hands. God Bless each of you.

In His Peace,  
Elena Malinconico, Principal, St. Matthias School



## What is Juneteenth and Why Should American Catholics Celebrate It?

The Emancipation Proclamation, which granted freedom to all enslaved persons, took effect on January 1, 1863. However, some Confederate states refused to abide by this Executive Order; in fact, over two years passed before Union troops were able to reach all the Confederate states and enforce the new law. As a result, the last quarter of a million enslaved people were finally set free by Union troops in Galveston Bay, Texas on June 19, 1865. This triumphant day became known as “Juneteenth” by the freed people of Texas.

Juneteenth marks our country’s second Independence Day. Although it has long been celebrated in the African-American community, this event remains largely unknown to most Americans. The historical legacy of Juneteenth shows the value of never giving up hope in uncertain times.

Just as we praise and thank God for the emancipation of the enslaved Israelites during the Exodus, we raise our hands in prayers of gratitude for the freedom of our formerly enslaved Black Brothers and Sisters!

### **SING A SONG OF FREEDOM! GOD HAS WON THE VICTORY!**

*Adapted from a webpage of the National Museum of African-American History and Culture at the Smithsonian. <https://nmaahc.si.edu/blog-post/historical-legacy-juneteenth>*

## Camp Invention 2021: Recharge! A high energy, hands-on STEM Camp



**June 28 – July 2, 2021 from 8:30am - 3:00pm**

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# Learn

## Faith Formation Registration Information

Faith Formation Registration for 2021-2022 Available on Parish Website

Registration for **G.I.F.T** and all **Sacramental Prep [First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation 7 & 8]** is now available on the Parish Website, [www.stmatthias.net](http://www.stmatthias.net) Dee Nann Pastoral Associate, Faith Formation

# Give

## Stewardship Reflection June 20, 2021 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“He asked them, ‘Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?’” – MARK 4:40*

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him throughout the day, in all circumstances.

## Reflexiónese — 20 de junio de 2021 Domingo 12° del Tiempo Ordinario

*“Entonces Él les preguntó, ¿‘Por qué están aterrados?’ ¿Es que todavía no tienen fe?” – MARCOS 4:40*

¿Realmente confía en Dios? ¿Es Dios su primera opción o su último recurso? ¿Es su fe algo que solo practica los Domingos o usted vive el mensaje del Evangelio cada día de la semana? Muchos de nosotros conocemos acerca de Dios. ¿Cuántos de nosotros tenemos una relación personal con Él? Comience ahora, abra su corazón para recibir a nuestro Señor. Hable con Él y escúchelo durante el día, en cualquier circunstancia.

Stewardship Totals for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021				Last Year's Total
Current Month	In-Pew/Mail	Parish Giving	Weekly Total	Weekly Total
Week 49 - June 6, 2021	\$11,528.17	\$18,444.75	<b>\$29,972.92</b>	\$27,115.79
Week 50 - June 13, 2021	\$11,373.00	\$21,532.25	<b>\$32,905.25</b>	\$26,898.79
Week 51 - June 20, 2021	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$30,307.79
Week 52 - June 27, 2021	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$25,359.79
			<b>Month-to-date Total</b>	<b>June Total Last Yr</b>
			<b>\$62,878.17</b>	\$109,682.16
			<b>Current Year-to-date Total</b>	<b>Year-to-date as of Jun</b>
			<b>\$1,282,296.37</b>	\$1,407,770.05

*Note:* The online Parish Giving amount varies week-to-week since some parishioners donate once a month and the full amount is recorded the week it arrives.

# Serve



SEE THE ARTICLE ON PAGE 7 ABOUT VOLUNTEERING IN ONE OF THE MANY LITURGICAL MINISTRIES, INCLUDING LECTOR, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER, AND HOSPITALITY MINISTER.

# Connect

Dear SMYLE friends, and Parishioner Supporters,

We are so grateful for your recent endeavor. You provided one of our largest donations at a critical time. The formula, diapers, summer clothes and pajamas are beautiful. The diaper cream and lotion fill an important need. The pretty toothbrushes and paste will bring many smiles thanks to SMYLE.

Our Sincere Appreciation to All,  
Fran Johnson and all the pregnancy Aid Center Volunteers



# Local Community



## Cub Scout Pack 195 at St. Matthias



Cub Scout Pack 195 here at St. Matthias would like to extend an invitation to **boys and girls in grade K-5 (as of September)**, to join us on the Cub Scout adventure. The Cub Scout program runs

Sep - Jun, and we meet 2-3 times a month in smaller Den meetings, and once a month in a larger Pack meeting (now either virtual or outdoors). Before Covid we met mostly at SMS Cafeteria on Monday nights, and are hoping to be able to return at some point next year. Historically we've only had boy dens, but Scouts are now also open to girls. Throughout a year, Den leaders work with cubs on the advancement program with completion awards at the Pack meetings. We generally have 2 overnight camping trips, hikes and a ton of outdoor fun every year. There is also a spring overnight trip (at a museum/zoo), Christmas caroling at a retirement/veterans home, and other charity events.

Just a few of our recent events we participated in: Memorial Day Ceremony, Spring Carwash, and Spring overnight camping at the Colonial Park.

If you think your son or daughter would like to be a part of this, starting in September, do let us know (even now) and we will try to answer any questions you may have. You can check our website at [www.scoutpack195nj.com](http://www.scoutpack195nj.com), email us at [info@scoutpack195nj.com](mailto:info@scoutpack195nj.com) or contact our Cub Master: Tim Belloff - 732-207-4584. You can also see us at the Franklin Day Festival in early September.

## Joy of Love & Family Conference



Pope Francis has declared this year the year of St. Joseph and recently inaugurated the *Amoris Laetitia* Family Year. In his inauguration message, he urged all to support families and accompany them along the journey of life.

In honor of this special occasion, the Diocese of Metuchen, in partnership with the other four Roman Catholic

Dioceses in the State of New Jersey, is hosting The Joy of Love & Family Conference Series.

**We invite you to get connected with your local church family and enjoy 30+ incredible teachers, speakers and authors!**

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Details at: [www.lightingheartsonfire.org](http://www.lightingheartsonfire.org)  
 Questions? Contact [acaballero@diometuchen.org](mailto:acaballero@diometuchen.org) or 732-562-2454

# Parish Leadership

### Parish Pastoral Council:

**Chair:** Nick Grippo  
[nickgrippo@gmail.com](mailto:nickgrippo@gmail.com)

**Co-Chair:** Lisa Robinson  
[lar0504@comcast.net](mailto:lar0504@comcast.net)

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### Parish Finance Council:

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 Isaac Peng  
 Marge Richards

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

**Parish Registration** — Welcome new members! Please register by calling the Parish Office.

**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.

**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.



**St. Matthias School** is a PreK3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade school rooted in faith, inspired by love, and dedicated to academic excellence. Before and After School Care Programs are available. Come visit! Contact 732-828-1402 to schedule a tour.



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