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Sat - 5PM, Sun - 8, 10 AM & 12 noon
 M/T/W/Th/F at 8:00AM

And also on our YouTube channel
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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHIAS
SUNDAY, JUN 19, 2022 –
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Happy Father's Day Today!

Finance Council Update

The Finance Council has provided an update on our financial situation. Please read the letter from the Finance Council to all parishioners on page 7.



St. Matthias Celebrates 60th Anniversary!

Next Sunday, June 26, 2022, we will officially celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the creation of the Catholic Community of St. Matthias. Bishop Checchio will preside at the **12 Noon Mass**. All are invited to share in this very special Anniversary Mass!

Franklin Township Proclamation Presented to St. Matthias

On Tuesday, June 14th, the Franklin Township Council presented an official Proclamation to St. Matthias in honor of our 60 years as a parish. More details next week.

Join Us for the 4th Annual Empty Bowls Next Saturday

Help the Franklin Township Foodbank by purchasing your ticket for Saturday, June 25th's Empty Bowls. See page 10 for details.



If you shop on Amazon, please help us by starting at:
www.stmatthias.net/Amazon

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 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: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21; Lk 2:41-51

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Jun 18	5:00PM	Joseph Doyle, by Isabelle & John Baker
Sunday, Jun 19	8:00AM	Hugh Scott, by Friends of Somerset Run
	10:00AM	All Fathers—Living & Deceased
	12:00PM	June Jones, by Ellin & Gil Ossandon
	(5:30PM)	Intention of Parishioners
Monday, Jun 20	8:00AM	Health & Blessings for Ysabel Godet, by Mom & Grandmere
Tuesday, Jun 21	8:00AM	Philomena Saroja, by Mercy Gabriel
Wednesday, Jun 22	8:00AM	All Deceased Members of the Edwin Family, by Mercy Gabriel
Thursday, Jun 23	8:00AM	Dr. Giuseppe Chiado, MD, by Louis & Mary Nepote
Friday, Jun 24	8:00AM	Waldyslaw Stefanski, by Daughter & Family
Saturday, Jun 25	5:00PM	Dominic Fama, by Cathy Fama
Sunday, Jun 26	8:00AM	Madeline Tarantino, by Vinnie
	10:00AM	Jill Szabo, by The Dimeglia Family
	12:00PM	Agnes Paduck, by Sr. Jean Marie, SSCM
	(5:30PM)	Intention of Parishioners

St. Matthias School Summer Office Hours

Effective June 20, 2022

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Friday: Closed or by appointment. 732-828-1402

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

Marlene DiMaggio

Mary Dolan

William Dolphin

Vivian Dong

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

Christine L. Matthews

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

Chris Retz

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

Marie Forte (Memorial Mass)

Reflect



Smile with Your Family



Bidding at a local auction is interrupted when the auctioneer's clerk hands him a note. "A gentleman has lost a wallet containing \$5,000 in cash," says the auctioneer. "If it is returned, he will pay a reward of \$100." There is a moment's silence, then someone in the crowd shouts: "One hundred and fifty!" 😊

Starving after hours of driving nonstop, my husband and I pulled over at a truck stop. While he gassed up the car, I went into the restaurant and placed our order to go. After writing it all down, the girl behind the register asked, "Will that be all for you?" "No," I replied a bit defensively. "Some of it's for my husband." 😊

Teacher on the phone: "You say Michael has a cold and

can't come to school today? To whom am I speaking?" The voice: "This is my father!" 😊

Dad: "Hi Sweetie, how was the school today?" Daughter: "You can read all about it on my Facebook, Dad." 😊

"I gave my father \$100 and said, 'Buy yourself something that will make your life easier.' So he went out and bought a present for my mother." 😊

"I've been to war. I've raised twins. If I had a choice, I'd rather go to war." —George W. Bush

"By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong." —Charles Wadsworth

Eucharist Converted St. Elizabeth Ann Seton!



Two hundred years ago, a beautiful, young, Episcopalian woman accompanied her husband, a merchant, to Italy, leaving four of their five children at home with family members. They had sailed for Italy, hoping that the change in climate might help her husband, whose failing business had eventually affected his health adversely. Tragically, he died in Livorno. The grieving young woman was warmly received by an Italian family, business acquaintances of her deceased husband. She stayed with them for three months before she could arrange to return to America. The young widow was very impressed by the Catholic faith of her host family, especially their devotion to the Holy Eucharist: their frequent attendance at Mass, the reverence with which they received Holy Communion, the awe they showed toward the Blessed Sacrament on feast days when the Eucharist was carried in procession. She found her broken heart healed by a hunger for this mysterious presence of the Lord, and, upon returning home, requested instruction in the Catholic Faith. Soon after being received into the Church, she described her first reception of the Lord in the Eucharist as the happiest moment of her life. It was in St. Peter's Square on September 14, 1775, that Pope Paul VI canonized this woman, Elizabeth Ann Seton, as the first native-born saint of the United States. The Eucharist for her was a sign and cause of union with God and the Church.

Padre Pio's Prayer after Holy Communion

"Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You. Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often. Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor. Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness. Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will. Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You. Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company. Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You. Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love. Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late, the day is coming to a close, and life passes; death, judgment, eternity approach. It is necessary to renew my strength.

Parenting Tune-Up



The end of the school year can bring lots of banquets, and ceremonies. Inevitably, some kids get more awards than others. Help your child recognize his/her internal worth that goes beyond trophies.

Marriage Tune-Up



"Do this in remembrance of me."

(1 Cor. 11:24)

Jesus used these words when sharing bread and wine with the apostles at the Last Supper. When we consume food and drink it becomes part of our body and blood. Be mindful of Jesus' presence in the next meal you eat together.



Hands and Voices at the Table

Jesus feeds the crowd with five loaves and two fish. Luke 9: 11b-17

After you've been a priest or deacon or minister of the Communion for a while, you begin to notice the hands. *The Body of Christ*, you say as you place the host in his or her hands: Hands that are calloused and scarred from work. Hands that are gnarled and broken by illness. Hands that care for children, the sick, and the elderly. Hands that make music, build boats, cook, plant & create beautiful things. All of these hands tell the stories of these people who have responded to God's invitation to come to this table. This bread is their connection with the God who authored their stories.

And after you've become more comfortable in the role of distributor of the consecrated bread, you start to look — even if just for a second — into their eyes. As you hold up the piece of bread, you see in the communicant's eyes the simple joy of receiving their Lord in the Eucharist. Some days you might detect a sadness or hurt in their eyes or hear a note of pain or grief in their *Amen*.

You understand that you are not a part of this moment. Whether gratitude or grief, relief or despair, this is Communion between God and this individual. God is just using your hands — and you're humbled to be of such use.

And when you return to the altar with the "fragments" in your ciborium or paten, you realize the depth of God's love for all of us who come to this table of ours.

We come to the table with our joys, our thanks, our hurts, our doubts, our crises, our griefs. Some days we come with grateful hearts and some days we come broken and distraught; other times we come gratefully aware of God's presence in our lives — and at times we come wondering if God is really here. But we come. Because we know that every time we come, the miracle happens. Jesus feeds the crowd — us.

Nora Gallagher writes in *The Sacred Meal*: "Communion is meant to be done together; it has to be done in community. You can pray alone and fast alone. You can even go on pilgrimage alone. But you can't take Communion alone . . . Communion forces us to be with others [and] stand with them . . . We are forced to be with strangers and people we don't like, persons of different colors and those with bad breath or breathing cheap alcohol . . . We are stuck with each other, at that altar, at least for a few minutes." And that's what enables the real miracle to happen: The Eucharist transforms us from a collection of diverse, disconnected souls into a community of faith. We come here with our struggles and doubts and pains and sorrows and, if the Eucharist is what Jesus intended it to be, we find support and compassion from those who come to the table with us. Today's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates our call by Jesus who fed the multitudes to be both guest and waiter, participant and host at the banquet of God.

The Greatest work of Art in St. Peter's Basilica

One of the seminarians who gives tours of St. Peter's told me of an interesting incident. He was leading a group of Japanese tourists who knew absolutely nothing of our Faith. With particular care, he explained the great masterpieces of art, sculpture and architecture. He finally concluded at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, trying his best to explain quickly what it was. As the group dispersed, an elderly man, who had been particularly attentive stayed behind, and said, "Pardon me. Would you explain again this 'Blessed Sacrament?'" Our student did, after which the man exclaimed, "Ah, if this is so, what is in this chapel is a greater work of art than anything else in this basilica." (Cardinal Timothy Dolan in *Priests of the Third Millennium*, 6444 p. 660).

Today's feast of *Corpus Christi* is intended to make us value and appreciate the worth of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

The Feast and its Objectives

Today, we celebrate the solemn feast of *Corpus Christi*. It is **three feasts in one**: the feast of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the feast of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the feast of the Real Presence of Jesus in this Sacrament. *Corpus Christi* is a doctrinal feast established for three purposes: 1) to give God collective thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist and to honor Him there; 2) to instruct the people in the Mystery, Faith and devotion surrounding the Eucharist, and 3) to teach us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a Sacrament and as a sacrifice. In the three-year cycle of the Sunday liturgy, there is a different theme each year for this *Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ*. In Cycle A the theme is the Eucharist as our food and drink; in Cycle B the emphasis is on the Eucharist as the sign of the covenant; and in Cycle C the theme focuses on the priesthood of Jesus. Although we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the Church wants to emphasize its importance by a special feast, formerly called "*Corpus Christi*." It was Pope Urban IV who first extended the feast to the universal Church. This is one of the few feasts left in which we observe a procession



Have you heard of the Eucharistic miracle of Lanciano?



A famous Eucharistic miracle of Lanciano, Italy, took place in the year 700. A monk, who feared he was losing his vocation, was celebrating Mass, and during the consecration the host turned into flesh and the wine turned into blood. Despite the fact that the miracle took place almost 1300 years ago, you may still see the flesh in a monstrance which is exposed every day and the blood in a glass chalice. (The glass chalice is beneath the monstrance on the right.) I also had the privilege of seeing that Eucharistic miracle during my time in Italy. The blood has congealed and is now in five clots in the glass chalice.

In 1971 and 1981 a hospital laboratory tested the flesh and blood and discovered that the flesh is myocardium, which is heart muscular tissue, so we could say it is the heart of Jesus, the Sacred Heart, and the blood is of the blood group AB. In 1978 NASA scientists tested the blood on the Turin Shroud and interestingly also discovered that it is of the blood group AB. (The Sudarium, Face Cloth of Christ, in John 20:6 is also of the blood group AB.) Despite the fact that human flesh and blood should not have remained preserved for 1300 years, the hospital lab tests found no trace of any preservatives.

One final interesting point about the five blood clots in the chalice is that when you weigh one of them, it is the same weight as all five together, two of them together weigh the same as all five. In fact no matter what way you combine the blood clots individually or in a group to weigh them, they always weigh the same. Incredible? *Want to read more about this? Even non-Catholic sources like Wikipedia or Google have lots of information on this!*

“Jesus Christ gave a lasting memorial!”

One of his Catholic disciples asked the controversial god-man Osho Rajneesh about the difference between Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, and Jesus Christ. He told a story to distinguish between Buddha and Christ. When Buddha was on his deathbed, his disciple Anand asked him for a memorial and Buddha gave him a Jasmine flower. But as the flower dried up, the memory of Buddha also dwindled. Jesus Christ, however, instituted a lasting memorial without anybody’s asking for it by offering to God his Body and Blood under the appearances of bread and wine and commanding his disciples to share his Divinity by repeating the ceremony. So Jesus continues to live in his followers while Buddha lives only in history books. On this feast, as on Holy Thursday, we reflect on the importance of the institution of the Holy Eucharist and priesthood.

(Osho Rajneesh claimed that he was another incarnation of God who attained “enlightenment” at 29 when he was a professor of Hindu philosophy in Jabalpur University in India.)

We need to receive this message of unity and sacrificial love: The Eucharist, (the Body and Blood of Christ), teaches us the importance of community, the bond that results from this sacrifice. John Chrysostom says: “What is the Bread actually? The Body of Christ. What do communicants become? The Body of Christ. Just as the bread comes from many grains, which remain themselves and are not distinguished from one another because they are united, so we are united with Christ.” Just as numerous grains of wheat are pounded together to make the host, and many grapes are crushed together to make the wine, so we become unified in this sacrifice. Our Lord chose these elements in order to show us that we ought to seek union with one another, to allow the Holy Spirit to transform us into Our Lord Jesus Christ and to work with Him in the process. Christ is the Head and we are the Body. Together we are one. That which unites us is our willingness to sacrifice our time and talents to God in our fellow members in Christ’s Mystical Body. This is symbolized by our sharing in the same Bread and the same Cup. Hence, Holy Communion should strengthen our sense of unity and love.

The Biblical Foundation

Our belief in this Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist derives from the literal interpretation of the promise of Christ to give us his Body and Blood for our spiritual food and drink, as found in St. John’s Gospel, Chapter 6, and also in the four independent accounts of the fulfillment of this promise at the Last Supper (Mt. 26; Mk. 14; Lk. 22; 1 Cor. 11). Eucharistic theologians explain the *Real Presence* by a process called *transubstantiation*: the entire *substance* of bread and wine is changed into the entire *substance* of the risen and glorified Body and Blood of Christ, retaining only the “accidents” (taste, color, shape) of bread and wine. Can there be a religion in which God is closer to humans than our Catholic Christianity? Jesus does not believe that he is humiliating himself in coming to us and giving himself to us in his Flesh and Blood to be our spiritual Food.

Parish News



Finance Council Update to the Parish – June 2022

Dear Parishioners,

This letter is to continue our commitment to keeping you, our fellow parishioners, informed regarding the activities of our council and the financial health of our beloved parish. First, our thanks to all who continue to support our church and school with their generous giving of their time, treasure and talent. Your Parish Finance Council feels blessed to be just one of many ministries along with parish and school staff that work diligently to create the caring community of Saint Matthias led by Father Abraham, Monsignor Brennan, and Principal Mary Lynch.

Some updates:

- * **Parish Giving On Line** - We are told St Matthias has the most on line contributors in the Diocese which helps solidify our revenue projections. We invite others to consider Parish Giving on line (parishgiving.org) if appropriate for them.
- * **Parish Financial Status Improved** - Our revenues have stabilized after our difficult Covid times and our expenses have decreased, resulting in current net gains for both the church and school. We will be providing another annual financial report to you in the fall.
- * **Facility Improvements** – The upcoming Parish 60th

Anniversary is an opportunity for us to consider facility improvements, many that are long overdue. Along with Father Abraham, the Pastoral Council, Property Management Committee, and others we can plan together. We will need your help, fellow parishioners, completing improvements by running a fund raiser. Parishioner input will be solicited.

- * **Financial Audit** - The Diocese recently had an independent firm audit our prior fiscal year and we look forward to the report which should help us going forward.
- * **In House Finance Review** - Currently we have a CPA firm reviewing our financial books. The purpose is to assure that we are observing the best accounting practices and procedures.

Much still needs to be done but together we can plan and move forward as a thriving Catholic Community. Any questions may be directed to us at financecouncil@stmatthias.net

Sincerely,

Saint Matthias Finance Council

Fr. Abraham, Pastor, Kester Hector, Chair, Carmen Driz-Melilli, Barry Dusault, Audrey Francis, Mary Pat Burke-Grospin, Gwen Orłowski, Joan Pritchard, Joe Porter

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SMS MUSICAL THEATER INTENSIVE

AUGUST 8TH-12TH, 2022

MON-FRI 9AM-3PM

ST. MATTHIAS SCHOOL

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AUDITION TECHNIQUES, SINGING, DANCING, AND ACTING
END OF THE WEEK PERFORMANCE CABARET
\$150 PER STUDENT



To register contact:
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St. Matthias shares a long history of partnering with the **Center for Faith Justice**

with our **ServiceWorX** middle school program and more recently with our parish involvement with our older youth through the **NeXt Level** process.

The mission of the **Center for Faith Justice** is to inspire the next generation of leaders by creating programs to serve those in need and educate for justice in the Catholic tradition. Named for the biblical passage that inspired them, "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26), our signature WorX programs unfold through week-long mission retreats incorporating equal parts direct service to those in need and intensive reflection on Catholic Social Teaching.

On **ServiceWorX**, which begins on **Sunday, June 26 at St. Matthias**, middle school students [specifically rising 8th graders] will explore service and social justice through the lens of the Catholic faith. Skilled youth ministry staff facilitate engaging prayer services, lively discussions, and dynamic community service experiences. We design and run the week-long, daytime program at the participating host parish or school, with outreach to local social service agencies and non-profit organizations. It is fun-filled way to help young people learn the meaning of faith and service.

Please keep our parish young people in your prayers the weeks of **June 26-July 1** and **July 31-August 5!**

Dee Nann, Faith Formation

From the Pastoral Staff

Happy Father's Day!

My dad, Joseph Vincent Best, died when my sisters and I were under the age of 8, so we grew up in an all-female household. We did not even get a chance to know our grandfathers, who died before we were all born. So Father's Day was not a big deal to us back then.

When Terry and I became parents, I used to think and pray about how lucky our sons were to have a father like Terry who was so caring and loving and active in their lives. And I wonder what kind of person I might have become if I had had the same.

But, since I tend to always look on the bright side, I have come to understand that it's entirely possible that a father's love never ends. If I can remember with joy, no matter how briefly, the love my father has for me and the faith he and my mother passed on to me, I can tap into that love, that strength,

that courage for the rest of my life. He is in me and I am because of him. Not everyone has fond memories of their fathers and many deal with dreadful parental situations. I know I am blessed in my particular situation.

All I know is that when I am on the organ bench, I am looking directly at the statue of St. Joseph, and I think about my father. Would he be proud of the family we have become and the work that I have done?

I look at the dads and granddads in church every Saturday night and Sunday with their families and I thank God for them. They make the time to come to Mass in between family obligations, work, athletic and musical events, household chores, homework and caring for relatives who are not well.

It is not easy — it never was.

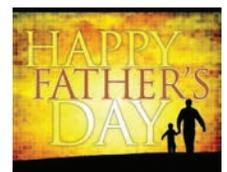
Families attending mass together should never be taken for granted. We owe all of these families — dad, moms, grandparents and their children -- our support and our prayers.



So look around next time you are in church and smile at the families who are sitting around you. Give them and their children a good word of encouragement and tell them how happy you are to see them there. They are doing the hard work of passing their faith on to their children like our parents did for us, one Mass at a time.

Happy Father's Day- celebrate well and know that St. Matthias appreciates all you do!

Joan Best Seamon
Pastoral Associate for
Liturgical Music



Pray



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

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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,851.75
Week 52 - June 26, 2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,543.25
			Month-to-date Total	June Total Last Yr
Building Repair/Replacement Fund: \$2,888.00			\$65,486.00	\$106,273.17
			Current Year-to-date To-	Year-to-date as of Jun
			\$1,322,499.06	\$1,325,691.37

Stewardship Reflection Jun 19, 2022 Feast of Corpus Christi

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

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when you share what you have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! Each of us has a role in God's plan; you just need to place your trust in the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God. You may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

Reflexiones — 19de junio de 2022 - Fiesta de Corpus Christi

"Todos comieron y quedaron satisfechos. Y cuando recogieron los pedazos que sobraron, llenaron doce cestos de mimbre" (Lucas 9:17)

La historia de los Panes y los Peces nos muestra que cuando usted comparte lo que tiene, aunque no parezca mucho, ¡suceden los milagros! ¡No piense que sus dones son demasiado pequeños o insignificantes! Cada uno de nosotros tiene un rol en el plan de Dios: solo necesita poner su confianza en el Señor. Con Dios nada es imposible. Usted puede ser la respuesta a la oración de alguien más.

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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.

Local Community

Franklin Township Opens Community Youth Center



Youth Center membership is free however registration via RecDesk is required to officially participate in programs and recreational activities. Membership applications are located at <https://franklintwp.recdesk.com>

The Youth Center hours of operation are weekdays (10am-9pm) and weekends Saturdays (10am-9pm). The Youth Center will be closed on federal holidays.

For more information contact Parks & Recreation at (732)873-1991 option 4 or mail franklinrec@franklinnj.gov or visit www.franklintwpnj.org/youthcenter

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DATE: Saturday, June 25, 2022

TIME: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

LOCATION: The Gazebo at Franklin Township Municipal Center (Demott Lane, Somerset)

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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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