



**ST. MATTHIAS
CHURCH**

All are Welcome

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Mass Schedule (in person):

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

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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHIAS

SUNDAY, JUN 5, 2022 –

Pentecost Sunday



Happy 50th Anniversary!

Today Msgr. Brennan celebrates his 50th Anniversary of his ordination! He will be celebrating with us at the 5 pm Mass.

TODAY, Saturday, Jun 4th.



St. Matthias Parish Youth **SMYLE** Youth Mass Today, Sunday at 12:00PM

Calling all Youth of St. Matthias Parish. We will celebrate the Youth of our Parish. Join us for Mass at noon.

The youth will meet after Mass for refreshments and fun. Contact Sue Lenczewski for details at

SMYLE@stmatthias.net.



Pastoral Council Commissioning

Today, Pentecost Sunday, at the 10 am Mass, we will commission our Pastoral Council for 2022-2023. We want to especially welcome our newest members -- Stephan Busono and William Isele.

We also want to express our gratitude to our outgoing members for their dedicated service these past three years: Claudine Langrin and Mary Beth Vetter-Purcell (Co-Chairs) and Lorraine Farr and Anne Marie Francis (Co-Secretaries).



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This Week @ St. Matthias

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 Jun 5, 2022 Pentecost Sunday

8:00AM Mass Church

10:00AM Mass Pastoral Council Commissioning Church

12:00PM Mass -Adult Confirmation/Youth Mass Church

Monday, Jun 6, 2022 Memorial- Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00AM Mass/Miraculous Medal Novena Church

6:30PM HSA Board Mtg. Zoom

Tuesday, Jun 7, 2022 St. Robert of Newminster, Priest

8:00AM Mass Church

7:30PM St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. de Porres Rm

Wednesday, Jun 8, 2022 St. Miriam Theresia Chiramel, Mystic

8:00AM Mass Church

9:00AM St. Matthias School Mass (60th anniversary) Church

2:00PM Alzheimer's Support Grp Mtg. de Porres Rm & via Zoom

Thursday, Jun 9, 2022 St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church

8:00AM Mass Church

Friday, Jun 10, 2022

8:00AM Mass Church

9:00AM Pre-K Graduation Church

11:00AM Kindergarten Graduation Church

6:00PM HSA Event: Movie Night Cafeteria

Saturday, Jun 11, 2022 Memorial - Barnabas, Apostle

9:00AM Faith & Racial Equity Session 8 Zoom

12:00PM Memorial Mass -Msgr. Brennan Church

3:30PM Reconciliation Church

5:00PM Mass Church

Sunday Jun 12, 2022 The Most Holy Trinity

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Message from Msgr. Seamus Brennan



On June 4th, 1972, I was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Michael Russell at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Waterford, Ireland. I was ordained for the Diocese of Trenton and served my first assignment at Saint Barnabas Church in Bayville. My second assignment was Associate Pastor at Saint Philip and James, Philipsburg and then I began my first pastorate at Saint John's, Lambertville. Following a brief four years there, I divided the next 36 years between Saint Matthews, Edison and Immaculate Conception, Somerville.

When I reflect back, I think of my priesthood in the two words Saint John Paul II used regarding his priesthood — gift and mystery. No one is worthy to share in the priesthood of Christ and to stand at the altar to consecrate the Eucharist or to sit in the confessional and absolve sin. But through the power of his Spirit, God has shared with me this gift. By definition, a gift is unexpected and unmerited, but God has given me this gift. Totally out of God's generosity, he has given me a share in his priesthood.

All this is a great mystery to me because there is no reason I can see for this call. I was a farmer and lover of sports with no particular gifts in learning or leadership or service. I had been an altar server and assisted as an usher but was not otherwise involved much in church. But in the great mystery of God's plan, He called me to serve as a priest.

I am deeply grateful for the example and encouragement I have received all along this journey, starting with my parents and siblings and continuing with my fellow priests and the parishioners I have served. In every way, I have felt supported by the prayers of the people of God, including here at St. Matthias Church. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and to pray to the sanctification of these and all God's people. As I celebrate my 50th Jubilee this Pentecost weekend, I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and strengthen every Christian and that I may willingly follow where he leads me. Thanks for your ongoing prayers and your love for God's Church.

Msgr. Brennan

Readings for the Week

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

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 12:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:33-37

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Jun 4	5:00PM	Frank & Leona Sciotto, by Lena & Grandchildren
Sunday, Jun 5	8:00AM	Steven Kayden, by Ellen & Paul Junas
	10:00AM	Ann & Michael Koruda, by The Aiello Family
	12:00PM	Jill Szabo, by The Misuraca Family
	(5:30PM)	Intention of Parishioners
Monday, Jun 6	8:00AM	The Castaneda Family, by Violy Garcia
Tuesday, Jun 7	8:00AM	Mom & Dad, by the Family
Wednesday, Jun 8	8:00AM	Will Cuddeback, by Mom & Dad
Thursday, Jun 9	8:00AM	Susan & James Shinnors, by Mary
Friday, Jun 10	8:00AM	Health & Blessings for Emilia, by Daughter & Family
Saturday, Jun 11	5:00PM	Spiritual Intention for the Soul of Marie DeFeo, by daughter, Lisa & Family
Sunday, Jun 12	8:00AM	Joan Lavelle, by Phillip & Freda Russo
	10:00AM	Health & Blessings for the Moksha & Nathan Families, by The Nathan Family
	12:00PM	Lou Carcich, by Joan Simon
	(5:30PM)	Intention of Parishioners

Pray for Those Getting Married

Stefanie Castanza & Edward Hernandez — June 17, 2022

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
Carolyn Banghart
Brandon Barbarite
[Edith Benko](#)
Anthony Brandi
Thomas Burns
Barbara Butler
Tara Capatosto
Ellen Catalina
Alaina Derecola
Marlene DiMaggio
Mary Dolan
William Dolphin
Josephine Geenty
Claudia Gemgnani
Emma Gergely

Rose Gessner
Mary Gidaro
Baby Isla-Rose Huffman
Rose Larangeira
The Litrakis Family
Kenneth & Kelly Magat
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](#)
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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

Ileana O'Brien, cousin of Ana Kelly
Mae Zanellato

Reflect



Smile with Your Family



Our parish priest had a flair for the dramatic. He got the idea of having a pigeon released from the belfry on Pentecost just at the moment when, on the church steps in front of the procession of worshipers, he would say, "Come, Holy Spirit!" Pentecost came, and the sacristan put a pigeon in a bag, went upstairs to the belfry and waited. When the priest pronounced the words, nothing happened. A few seconds later, we heard a voice from the belfry, "It's stifled!" 😊

I entered a church and a healing service was going on. I sat in the back seat and watched. The minister approached me and said, "You will walk today." I told him, "I'm not crippled." He leaned in and insisted, "You WILL walk today!" I simply nodded. But when I went to the parking lot, I saw someone had stolen my truck. 😊

A man's prayer: "Lord, controlling my tongue is no problem; it's my face that needs deliverance!" 😊

How do we know the Apostles drove a Honda? Because the Bible says in Acts 2:1, "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one accord." 😊

A woman was fumbling in her purse for her offering when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle. The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, "Do you always carry your TV remote to church?" "No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally." 😊

Pentecost Reflection: How do you hear?

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem: "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language?" Acts 6: 5-11

Max is an eighth-grader at St. Louis Priory School in St. Louis, Missouri. Shortly after the tensions in nearby Ferguson last year, Max asked his mom if he and his brother could drive down to Ferguson to help with the cleanup. She understandably declined to send them into an active riot zone.

Still, Max and his brother felt they needed to do something, so they went online and looked up a list of the businesses that had been damaged. They found the name of one of the owners and called her. She hung up on them. So they drove to her house. For three and a half hours, they sat in her living room and listened to her anger. The bottom line: Unless they had \$20,000, there wasn't much they could do. So Max went home and started an online petition, and eight days later, they had raised \$20,608. And Maria Flores rebuilt her business.

When Max and his brother saw injustice, they didn't lash out in anger. They didn't choose a side. They *listened* - they listened carefully. They reached out with their hearts, they created a partnership - and the answer spoke itself. [From "Listening in Ferguson: It's not all black and white" by J. Augustine Wetta, O.S.B., *America*, March 9, 2015.]

The real miracle of Pentecost is not what was said but what was heard: the Spirit of God overcomes the barriers of language and perception, opening not only people's minds but their hearts to hear the Gospel of the Risen Christ. That same Spirit of God enables us to listen to the voice of God in the context of God's peace, justice and compassion, enabling us to hear what God actually speaks and not what we want or hope or wish to hear. As on Pentecost, God's Spirit continues to speak in the love of the Beatitudes, in the forgiveness of the prodigal's father, in the generosity of the Good Samaritan, in the hope of the resurrection. The gift of Pentecost faith enables us, as it enabled Max and his brother, to hear the voice of God speaking in the midst of the clamor and busyness, the pain and despair of one another's lives, and now inviting us to embrace the life and love of God.

Marriage Tune-Up



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

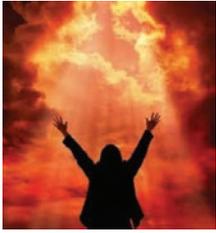
Parenting Tune-Up



The 1st week in June is National Barefoot Week - an opportunity for us to not only enjoy the feeling of walking around barefoot but also support a charity that strives to provide shoes for underprivileged children. Go barefoot with your child this weekend for an hour or a day. Feel the grass, dirt, stones, or pavement under your feet and delight in it together. Remember those who don't have shoes. [Soles 4 Souls \(https://soles4souls.org\)](https://soles4souls.org) can help you help others.



“Lower your bucket-- taste and see”



More than a century ago, a great sailing ship was stranded off the coast of South America. Week after week the ship lay there in the still waters with not a hint of a breeze. The captain was desperate; the crew was dying of thirst. And then, on the far horizon, a steamship appeared, headed directly toward them. As it drew near, the captain called out, "We need water! Give us water!" The steamship replied, "Lower your buckets where you are." The captain was furious at this cavalier response but called out again, "Please, give us water." But the steamer gave the same reply, "Lower your buckets where you are!" And with that they sailed away! The captain was beside himself with anger and despair, and he went below. But a little later, when no one was looking, a yeoman lowered a bucket into the sea and then tasted what he brought up: It was perfectly sweet, fresh water! For you see, the ship was just out of sight of the mouth of the Amazon. And for all those weeks they had been sitting right on top of all the fresh water they needed!

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

Treasure Within

An old beggar lay on his deathbed. His last words were to his youngest son who had been his constant companion during his begging trips. "Dear son," he said, "I have nothing to give you except a cotton bag and a dirty bronze bowl which I got in my younger days from the junk yard of a rich lady." After his father's death, the boy continued begging, using the bowl his father had given him. One day a gold merchant dropped a coin in the boy's bowl and he was surprised to hear a familiar clinking sound. "Let me check your bowl," the merchant said. To his great surprise, he found that the beggar's bowl was made of pure gold. "My dear young man," he said, "why do you waste your time begging? You are a rich man. That bowl of yours is worth at least thirty thousand dollars."

We Christians are often like this beggar boy who failed to recognize and appreciate the value of his bowl. We fail to appreciate the infinite worth of the Holy Spirit living

within each of us, sharing His gifts and fruits and charisms with us. On this major feast day, we are invited to experience and appreciate the transforming, sanctifying and strengthening presence of the Holy Spirit within us. This is also a day to renew the promises made to God during our Baptism and Confirmation, to profess our Faith, and to practice it.

High Tide of the Holy Spirit!

A ship strayed off course near San Diego some years back. It became stuck in a reef at low tide. Twelve tugboats were unsuccessful in their attempts to budge it. Finally, the captain instructed the tugs to go back home. He sighed, "I'll just be patient and wait." He waited until high tide. All of a sudden the ocean began to rise. What human power could not do, the rising tide of the Pacific Ocean did. It lifted that ship and put it back into the channel. Something like that happened to the early Church on the Day of Pentecost. They were all together in one place – confused, unmotivated and fearful – when suddenly the tide of Holy Spirit rolled in.



We need to permit the Holy Spirit to direct our lives:

by constantly remembering and appreciating His Holy Presence within us, especially through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation;

by fortifying ourselves with the help of the Spirit against all types of temptations;

by seeking the assistance of the Spirit in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and in the breaking of our evil habits;

by listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us through the Bible and through the good counsel of others;

by fervently praying for the gifts, fruits and charisms of the Holy Spirit;

by renewing our lives through the anointing of the Holy Spirit; and by living our lives in the Holy Spirit as lives of commitment, of sacrifice, and of joy. We are called to love as Jesus loved, not counting the cost. As Saint Paul exhorts us, "Walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16, 25).

We Need to Observe Pentecost Every Day!

"It will always be Pentecost in the church," affirmed Blessed Oscar Romero, Archbishop of El Salvador, on Pentecost Sunday 1978, "provided the Church lets the beauty of the Holy Spirit shine forth from her countenance. When the Church ceases to let her strength rest on the Power from above which Christ promised her and which he gave her on that day, and when the Church leans rather on the weak forces of the power or wealth of this earth, then the Church ceases to be newsworthy. The Church will be fair to see, perennially young, attrac-

Reflect



We need to observe Pentecost every day! (cont'd from previous page)

tive in every age, as long as she is faithful to the Spirit that floods her and she reflects that Spirit through her communities, through her pastors, through her very life" (*The Violence of Love*, The Plough Pub. Co., Farmington, PA: 1998). [Archbishop Oscar Romero was beatified May 23, 2015 by Pope Francis.]

Archbishop Romero's declaration reminds us -- as does today's Gospel -- that Pentecost is not just one day, but every day. Without breath, there is no life. Without the Spirit, the Church is a field of dry, dead bones. The Venerable Fulton J. Sheen once said about the Church, "Even though we are God's chosen people, we often behave more like God's frozen people--frozen in our prayer life, frozen in the way we relate with one another, frozen in the way we celebrate our Faith." [Bishop Fulton J. Sheen was declared Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI in June, 2012.] Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman's favorite little prayer, "Come Holy Spirit:"
"Come Holy Spirit, Make our ears to hear, Make our eyes to see, Make our mouths to speak Make our hearts to seek, Make our hands to reach out And touch the world with your love. AMEN."

[Cardinal Newman was beatified September 19, 2010 by Pope St. John Paul II.]

Are you a Spirit-filled Christian?

How beautiful is the thought that the Holy Spirit lives within us! Saint Paul reminds the Corinthian community of this fact when he asks, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16).

Spirit-filled people acknowledge their weaknesses, ask for the strengthening, anointing and guidance of the Holy Spirit every morning, ask for His forgiveness every evening and pass on that forgiveness to those who sin against them. Spirit-filled people are praying people. Paul encourages us, "Pray on every occasion as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray for all God's people" (Eph 6:18). They are praying and worshipping God in their families

"It was the Holy Spirit!"

Fr. Bob Spitzer, a Jesuit priest who was the president of Gonzaga University for 12 years tells about a powerful prayer to the Holy Spirit. It involves asking for the healing of hurts and memories, not just for himself, but for those one has harmed, always seeking forgiveness. He tells the story of making an offhand comment that afterwards he regretted. Unable to call the man, he went to the chapel and asked the Holy Spirit to heal any harm he had done. A few days later, something extraordinary happened. Fr. Spitzer ran into the man walking on the campus, and the man said, "You know Father, I've been thinking about what you told me. At first I was kind of angry, but the more I thought about it, the more I realized what you were getting at. You actually helped me a great deal." As Fr. Spitzer remarked later: "It was the Holy Spirit."



We need to cultivate the spirit of forgiveness. The feast of the Pentecost offers us the chance to look at the role which forgiveness should play in our dealings with others. Thus, we are challenged to examine our sense of compassion, patience, tolerance and magnanimity. Learning to forgive is a lifelong task, but the Holy Spirit is with us to make us agents of forgiveness. If we are prepared on this day of Pentecost to receive the Holy Spirit into our lives, we can have confidence that our lives will be marked by the Spirit of forgiveness.

and parishes. They try to grow continually in their Faith, and they seek out every opportunity to discover Christ and what it means to be children of God. Spirit-filled people are people who allow the Spirit to change their lives through their daily reading of the Bible and the frequenting of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Spirit-filled people speak words that heal, restore, make people happy and build people up instead of tearing them down. Spirit-filled people pass on the love of God to the people living around them by their acts of kindness, mercy and charity. Hence, let us pray for a spirit of love instead of hate, a spirit of helpfulness instead of non-cooperation, a spirit of generosity instead of greed and a spirit of gentleness instead of ruthlessness.



June 8, 2022

SMS Golf Classic —

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Royce Brook Golf Club, Hillsborough Township, NJ



Register now for this great, community-building event to benefit our very own St. Matthias School. To register and for more information, visit (right-click the link if you are reading this bulletin online): <https://events.golfstatus.com/event/d853f253-3deb-4f9c-bc2b-ce3911c971ef/details/registration-details>

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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

Holy Hour for Vocations and Priestly Ordination

Bishop Checchio and the entire diocese would like to invite you to attend the Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations and the Sanctification of Priests on Friday, June 10, 2022 at 5:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Included in the intentions of this Holy Hour are Deacon Ronal Romario Vega Pastrana who will be ordained a priest on the following day and the sanctification of all priests of our diocese.

Also, we would like to invite you to the Priesthood Ordination, which will take place on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. On this day, Bishop Checchio will ordain Deacon Ronal Romario Vega Pastrana as a priest for service in our diocese. We hope that you will make every effort to be with us; you are welcome to attend in person or on live stream.

A Pentecost Prayer

Welcome Holy Spirit,

In the silence of a still night's
fearful thought you come

Comfort in the sleepless worries

Gentle in the rising doubts

Forgiving all our handmade hurts

Patient in our pointless hurry

Counseling as the waves come
crashing,

"Be still and know that I am God"

Wonderful counselor, comforter,
God with us

You will never abandon us

You will always be with us

Your promises are sure

Help us to give like you,
forgive like you, live for you

Amen



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CAMP INVENTION 2022: EXPLORE! A high energy Hands-on STEM Camp

June 27-July 1, 2022 from 8:30AM - 3:00PM

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(for students going into Grades 2-6)

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Visit invent.org/mylocalcamp or call 800-968-4332 to secure your spot. Questions? Contact Director: Christine Taylor ctaylor@stmatthiasnj.org, 732-322-8793.

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 44 - May 1, 2022	\$10,651.05	\$9,999.25	\$20,650.30	\$19,155.25
Week 45 - May 8, 2022	\$8,058.00	\$24,662.75	\$32,720.75	\$35,587.75
Week 46 - May 15, 2022	\$10,185.00	\$15,444.25	\$25,629.25	\$31,461.50
Week 47 - May 22, 2022	\$7,121.00	\$12,599.25	\$19,720.25	\$22,341.25
Week 48 - May 29, 2022	\$10,588.17	\$8,672.25	\$19,260.42	\$17,517.25
			Month-to-date Total	May Total Last Yr
			\$117,980.97	\$126,063.00
			Current Year-to-date	Year-to-date as of May
			\$1,257,013.06	\$1,219,418.20

Stewardship Reflection Jun 5, 2022 Pentecost Sunday

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

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your head, heart and mind affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

Reflexiones — 5 de junio de 2022 - Domingo de Pentecostés

El Defensor, el Espíritu Santo a quien el Padre enviará en mi nombre, les enseñará todo y les recordará todo lo que les he dicho.» (Juan 14:26)

El materialismo de nuestra sociedad nos atrae a concentrarnos más en lo que nosotros queremos que en lo que Dios quiere para nosotros, el relativismo de nuestro mundo nos dice que debemos ser tolerantes de todas las cosas, que no existe la verdad absoluta. Rece al Espíritu Santo para que transforme nuestras vidas y guíe nuestros pensamientos, palabras y acciones. Lo que ponemos en nuestra cabeza, corazón y mente afecta nuestras acciones. Si ponemos cosas buenas dentro saldrán cosas buenas.

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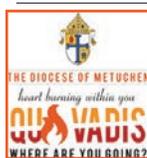


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St. Matthias Church is looking for part-time summer janitorial help. This is a perfect opportunity for a responsible high school or college student.

For more details, please contact Mary Pat Burke-Grospin at 732-828-1400 ext. 121 or

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Quo Vadis Days: Young men ages 14-17! July 19-22, 2022

You're invited to spend a few days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For more information, email quovadis@diometuchen.org

Early Stage Support Group for Alzheimer's Patients & Caregivers

The Alzheimer's Association and St. Matthias Catholic Church are co-hosting an Early Stage Support Group series for people living with Alzheimer's and Dementia and their care partners. **Our final meeting for the year will be Wednesday, June 8th from 2pm-3:30pm in the dePorres room in the Pastoral Office. We are also offering a Zoom link for those who cannot attend face to face.** Registration is required. To register, call 800-272-3900.

The Group provides a safe and supportive environment and offers dementia-related education, emotional support and connections with resources so that the group members may enhance their lives in the midst of the journey. For more in-



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Young Adult (21-35) Weekend Retreat: "Spiritual Surrender"

Friday, June 24, 2022, 6 PM—Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown
Retreat Leaders: Fr. Tom Marciniak, S.J. & Karen Florance

LOYOLA *Spiritual Surrender?* Some would consider this (at worst) unattractive or (at best) ambiguous. Our Jesuit Center • Morristown, NJ weekend Young Adult Retreat will "put out into the deep" and lead us to see that spiritual surrender is not only a great source of peace and joy, but also the fundamental movement of our life of faith.

The retreat will review and dismiss the typical popular misconceptions of surrender and help us experience the gift of surrender as a loving acceptance of our creaturehood. Then we will focus on the gift of surrender as a choice we make repeatedly no matter what the circumstances are: in suffering, pleasure or joy, or in prayer itself as we make our pilgrim way through this world to God.

"Come and See," join us for this Young Adult Weekend Retreat (ages 21-35). There will be presentations for prayer and reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday. As the retreat builds grace upon grace, faith-sharing will take place for those who wish. May God who plants the seed of spiritual longing in us bring it to fulfillment. Register at: www.loyola.org/events/loyola-june-young-adult-retreat

Diocesan Pilgrimage to DC — Save the Date

On Sept. 24, 2022, the Diocese of Metuchen will conclude its year-long 40th Anniversary celebration with a diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. More details to come.



Simply Prayer: The Sacred Heart of Jesus Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 9:45 AM to 11:30 AM St. Francis Center for Renewal, Bethlehem, PA Facilitator: Sister Marguerite Steward, OSF



The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A natural symbol of love and affection, the heart reminds us of the unconditional love God has for us and for all of human-kind. *This Heart* encourages us

to live lives of love for God, our neighbor and ourselves. Join us for this morning of reflection (in-person or via Zoom), sharing and prayer to this Sacred Heart of Jesus, source of all love. We will especially bring to Jesus our prayers for peace in our country and in the world. Those attending in person are welcome to join us for coffee at 9:45 am. Register at: www.stfrancisctr.org/upcoming-events/sacred-heart or by calling: 610-867-8890.

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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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