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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHIAS
SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021 –
The Most Holy Trinity

Highlights—This Week

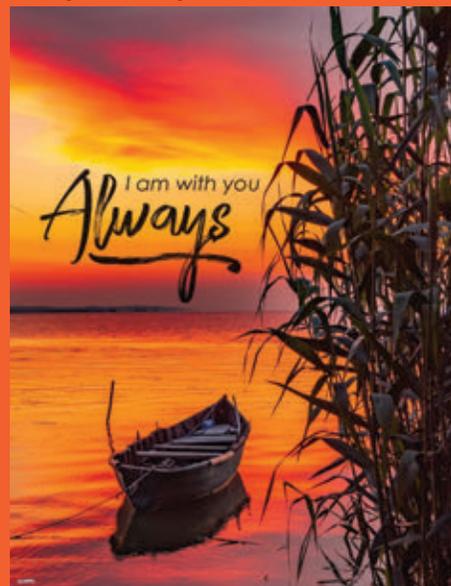
Boy Scout Car Wash –Sat., 5/29
 10AM

JFK Dedication Sat., 5/29 @1PM.
 See page 9 for both

Catholic Communication
Campaign Collection this weekend

Miraculous Medal Novena at
 8:30AM after 8AM Mass every
 Monday, except this Monday,
 Memorial Day.

Bring Items for Pregnancy Aid
Center — NEXT Weekend. See



SCAMMERS ON THE INCREASE!

Some of our parishioners are getting emails requesting gift cards to help a hungry person or a poor family. These emails look like as if they are coming from Fr. Abraham and the language looks so credible that it is easy to fall into this scam.

Similar hoax emails also come in the name of the Knights of Columbus with request for gifts cards for donation to veterans at Hospice etc.

As we have repeatedly mentioned in our bulletins, please DO NOT take any such requests seriously. Kindly double check before deciding to reply or call the scammer who would even provide you with a phone number to make it look genuine.

Other scam emails “confirm” your recent purchase (which you never made) and then tell you that you must cancel within 12 hours or the large sum of money will be withdrawn from your PayPal/CreditCard/Bank account. Of course, they provide a link for your to sign in with your name and password. At that point, your financial account is open to them.

What do all of these scam emails have in common?

- 1) They elicit an emotional response in you. You feel compelled to take some action.
- 2) They demand the action must be immediate, creating a sense of urgency.
- 3) They tell you to click (or call) something within the email.

NEVER click or respond to an unexpected email that does the above. Instead, report it as SPAM (on your phone, click on the dots, and then click on “Report Spam”). If you are still worried that the email might have been real, you can call the person/bank separately. Thank you.



Please start you Amazon shopping at: www.stmatthias.net/Amazon

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, May 30, 2021 **Catholic Communication Campaign Collection**

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

Monday, May 31, 2021 **Memorial Day** **SMS & Parish Office are closed**

No Mass
Church is open for individual prayer (see above)

Tuesday, Jun 1, 2021

8:00AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30AM	St. Joseph Intercessory Prayer	Church
6:30PM	SAC Meeting	Zoom
7:30PM	Hand Bell rehearsal	Church
7:30PM	SVPD Meeting	Zoom

Wednesday, Jun 2, 2021

8:00AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30AM	St. Joseph Intercessory Prayer	Church
9:30AM	Prayer Group 1— Holy Spirit	de Porres Rm
7:30PM	Parish Vocation Ministry	Zoom

Thursday, Jun 3, 2021

8:00AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:00PM	K of C Mtg.	Cafeteria

Friday, Jun 4, 2021

8:00AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30AM	First Friday Holy Hour	Church
7:00PM	Boy Scout Mtg.	Cafeteria

Saturday, Jun 5, 2021

3:30PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Church
4:45PM	SMYLE Youth Project collection	Cry Rm
5:00PM	Mass	Church

Sunday, Jun 6, 2021

8:00AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	SMYLE Youth Project collection	Cry Rm
10:00AM	Mass	Church
12:00PM	Mass	Church
1:30PM	SMS—Baccalaureate Mass & Graduation - Tickets will be distributed to 8th Grade	



Bulletin Article Requests:

If you would like to send information to be included in our bulletin, please email it to 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,

The dramatic events of Holy Week and Easter came to a conclusion, liturgically speaking, with another dramatic event of Pentecost last Sunday. The Acts of the Apostles narrated the Pentecost story as a stunning, incredible and ecstatic experience with the sound of a violent wind, fire appearing over their heads and 3,000 new members as the result of one sermon. But the drama subsided, for the very next verse says, “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2:42). Not much drama here. Worshiping together, eating together, learning together. Yes, a big segment of our life consists of the ordinary. It is in living the gospel values in the ordinary time that we truly become extra-ordinary!

Thus we are now in the “Ordinary Time” according to the Liturgical Calendar. The fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons could give us the impression that there is no excitement and so this is an unimportant time. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time in fact represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in growing in fellowship with all, using our talents to serve our families, communities and sustaining ourselves with our daily chores. The weekly sustenance for this comes from our regular Sunday attendance at the Lord’s Table.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, which was suspended during the pandemic, will be lifted from Saturday June 5, as per the Bishops of New Jersey. They also said: *“This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions.”*

This is one of the reasons why I decided to continue live-streaming our Masses – at least one, if not all. From the St. Matthias YouTube analytics, we are very delighted to know that we have so many people attending our Masses not only from different states of the US but also from many countries. To date, 66% of our viewers are from New Jersey, 23% are from other states — NY, FL, CA, TX, PA, IL, NC, OH, MD, MA, VA, KY, MI, MN, and AZ, and 11 % are from the following countries: Philippines, India, United Kingdom, Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Bolivia, Colombia, Belgium, Dominican Republic, Poland, Sweden, South Africa, Peru, Singapore, Guam and Japan. We have indeed become a “Parish without borders”!! Praise God!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Orapankal



Readings for the Week

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 29	5:00PM	Danny Rogan & Pat O'Connor, by Margaret Gallagher
Sunday, May 30	8:00AM	Cherilynn Kearns, by The Lenczewski Family
	10:00AM	Raquel Fischback, by The Madison Family
	12:00PM	Esther Liban, by The De Guzman Family
	5:30PM*	Intention of Parishioners
Monday, May 31	8:00AM	No Mass—Memorial Day
Tuesday, Jun 1	8:00AM	Michael Braun, by Patty Perrine
Wednesday, Jun 2	8:00AM	Esther Liban, by Purita Aligaen
Thursday, Jun 3	8:00AM	John Selenko, by Ellin & Gil Ossandon
Friday, Jun 4	8:00AM	Sara Youhas, by Purita Aligaen
Saturday, Jun 5	5:00PM	Frank & Leona Sciotto, by Lena & children
Sunday, Jun 6	8:00AM	Jose Alomia, by The Capuro Family
	10:00AM	Bernadette Robinson, by Jim & Phyllis Stone
	12:00PM	Dominick Clementi, by Angela & David Burtenshaw
	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 **email Kelly Counts** at kcounts@stmatthias.net to add the name to this list. Names will be listed in the bulletin for 6 weeks. Please let us know if this time period needs to be extended. We want to know how you are doing and want to offer you the support of our prayers.

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

Pray for those who have died...

Sadie Callender, mother of Joan Pritchard
Joseph Infusion—"His mercy endures forever." *Chronicles*

From the Pastoral Staff

Today is the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. We experience the fullness of God's love through the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Theologian Richard Rohr, who has written so often about the Trinity says, "The Way of Jesus is an invitation to a Trinitarian way of living, loving, and relating—on earth as it is in the Godhead."

To me, as a pastoral musician, special feasts mean special music.

I always choose **Holy God We Praise Thy Name**, one of the most beloved hymns in all of Catholic sacred music, to sing as the closing hymn on the Feast of the Holy Trinity. It's just about the only time we sing it all year.

I vividly remember, almost 40 years ago, a conversation that I had with an active parishioner at the time, Don Sweeney, who has since gone home to God.

Don, in no uncertain terms told me, a very young, in-experienced church musician.... "Joan there are only

2 hymns Catholics will sing - Silent Night and Holy God We Praise Thy Name . If I were you, I would sing one of them at every Mass!"

Well, needless to say, I did not follow Don's advice, but I have always noticed that when we sing Holy God We Praise Thy Name, it is always sung with great energy and fervor.

Every hymn has a tune name. Some famous ones are **EASTER HYMN** - Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, and **HYFRYDOL**- Alleluia, Sing to Jesus.

The tune name of Holy God We Praise Thy Name is **GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH**. A German Catholic priest, Ignaz Franz, wrote the original German lyrics in 1771 as a paraphrase of the Te Deum, a Christian hymn in Latin from the 4th century.

The English version was translated by [Clarence A. Walworth](#) in 1858. He was an American (note the spelling of 'scepter') lawyer who studied for the Episcopal ministry but then later con-

verted to Catholicism and became a priest.



There are many different versions of the tune, but for those of you who read music, you have probably always noted that we do not sing it the way it appears in our Worship Hymnal. We always include the "hiccups" - eighth notes added in the repeat at the end. It seems to be typical in the Northeast USA to include these notes regardless of what is printed in the hymnal or how the organist plays. It's a battle no organist can win!

So sing out today, friends, safely, behind your masks, to the praise and glory of the Holy Trinity –

"Infi - i - nite thy vast do -o- main, everlasting is Thy reign!..

Joan Best Seamon, Pastoral Associate for Liturgical Music, St. Matthias Church

Reflect

Smile With Your Family

The irate customer calling the newspaper offices, loudly demanded to know where her Sunday edition was. 'Ma'am, said the employee, today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered 'til Sunday.' There was quite a pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition. 'So that's why no one was in church today!' 😊

What is a synonym for the Holy Trinity? The divine threesome. 😊

One word to explain Catholic Trinity: Amen! 😊

My children have been treating me like a god lately: Ignoring my existence, unless they need something from me. 😊

Trinitarian pastor: One parishioner said, "The Trinitarian God is a lot like our pastor. He is invisible during the weekdays and incomprehensible on Sundays."

Parenting Tune-Up

Today is Trinity Sunday. Does your child know what the Trinity means? How can God be 3 in 1? Each of us is one person but we have different personalities, gifts, and jobs to do. Which person of the Trinity do you relate to most? Creator, Redeemer, or Spirit.?

Marriage Tune-Up

"A married woman must, when called upon, quit her devotions to God at the altar to find God in her household affairs." (St. Frances of Rome)



Holy Trinity:” ... When God is in It.”

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Matthew 28: 16-20

A Quaker pastor remembers the insight he learned from a woman who was part of the meeting he once pastored: "[This] elderly woman had committed herself to works of mercy. As I got to know her better, I was astounded at the many ways in which she had blessed hurting people. Though her income was modest, she lived simply so she could give generously. Though her many commitments kept her calendar full, she still found time to be present for those who needed comfort. The longer I knew her, the more I marveled at her charity, given the scarcity of her resources. Because of her humility, she was reluctant to talk with others about her own accomplishments. But one day she let slip the principle that guided her life, when she said to me, 'Little is much when God is in it.'

"I have thought of that many times since, appreciating its truth more and more as the years pass. Little does become much when love is present. Love does magnify our works. Jesus knew this. He knew even the smallest gesture of love could transform the darkest situation and so fully committed himself to divine love that we are still awed by his life. Believe me when I tell you this: We can be like him, and like all the other God-bearers our world has known . . . We can be like him when we say yes to the Divine Presence that is also in us, as thoroughly as we are able. As we do that, our lives, and the lives of others, will be transformed. God's joy will be in us, and our joy will be full." [From *The Evolution of Faith: How God Is Creating a Better Christianity* by Philip Gulley.]

Today's solemnity of the Holy Trinity celebrates the many ways God makes his presence known in our lives, in the manifestations of his love in our lives and our world. This Sunday of the Trinity invites us to look with a new awareness to behold God in our midst: God is the Father and Creator of all life, including our very selves, who fashions every molecule and atom that nurtures and sustains our lives; God is the Son and the Brother, the Redeemer who teaches us the unfathomable love of the God we seek; God is the Spirit of that love that creates and enables us to break out of the isolation that entraps us and become family and community. May this Solemnity of the Trinity reawaken our senses and our consciousness to behold God's love in our lives, making even the "little" into "much" that is holy and sacred.

Can we ever Relate to the Holy Trinity?

Preaching about the Trinity can be one of the most daunting tasks for a priest or deacon. I know some people who actually schedule their vacations so they don't have to be in the pulpit for Trinity Sunday. But instead of wrestling with abstract mysteries like the "hypostatic union" or pondering the complexities of St. Patrick and the shamrock, maybe we need to think more simply. Because this Sunday's readings suggest that the Trinity is as close as a smile.

Think for just a moment about something that makes you sublimely happy. Maybe it was a knock-knock joke told by your grandson. Or maybe it was the way your wife smiled when you came home at the end of the day. Or maybe it was staying awake just to watch your newborn baby sleeping in her crib. Think about those moments in your life that have given you joy. Because in those moments, you have touched the Trinity—and the Trinity has touched you. One of the great theologians from the fourteenth century, the Dominican priest Meister Eckhart, defined the Trinity this way: **"When the Father laughs at the Son and the Son laughs back at the Father, that laughter gives pleasure, that pleasure gives joy, that joy gives love, and that love is the Holy Spirit."**

That definition says it all—and it reminds us of something too easily forgotten in our faith. And that something is: JOY. To Eckhart, the element that binds the Trinity together—what sparks its existence, really—is something exuberant. It is love brought about by joy. The novelist Leon Bloy understood that. "Joy," he wrote, "is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." Where joy is...there also is God. And where you find God, you can't help but find the Trinity. Just listen again to the first reading, quoting the "wisdom of God," which some scholars believe is another way of defining the Holy Spirit. And here is what "wisdom" says: "When the Lord established the heavens, I was there...then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race."

There you have an infallible sign of the presence of God. A playful presence. A delighted presence. A joyful presence. But for whatever reason, many of us tend to face the Lord with grim faces and furrowed brows. Is that what he really wants? Scripture reminds us, again and again, how God takes delight in creation. We shouldn't be afraid to express that, or share in it. Because to share in that joy is to share in the Trinity—and feel the nearness and excitement of God's love for us. It is the love of a father for his children, the love of a brother for what he has redeemed, the love of an abiding Spirit for what he has sanctified. (Deacon Greg Kandra)

A Scientist's Illustration of Trinity



A good illustration of the Trinity comes from world-renowned scientist Dr. Henry Morris. He notes that the entire universe is Trinitarian by design. The universe consists of three things: matter, space, and time. Take away any one of those three and the universe would cease to exist. But each one of those is itself a trinity. Matter = mass + energy + motion. Space = length + height + breadth. Time = past + present + future. Thus the whole universe witnesses to the character of the God who made it (cf. Psalm 19:1).

What is your Gift/Talent?

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances; God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do and guess what – we are not all called to do the same thing! That's why our parish has so many options, so many ministries or committees - for you to serve!

Aggressively Selfish Child

A report some years ago, allegedly by the Minnesota Crime Commission, painted a dark picture of human nature indeed, particularly with regard to small children. I quote: “Every baby starts life as a little savage. He is completely selfish and self-centered. He wants what he wants when he wants it – his bottle, his mother's attention, his playmate's toy, his uncle's watch. Deny him these once, and he seethes with rage and aggressiveness, which would be murderous were he not so helpless. He is, in fact, dirty. He has no

morals, no knowledge, no skills. This means that all children are born delinquent. If permitted to continue in the self-centered world of his infancy, given free rein to his impulsive actions to satisfy his wants, every child would grow up a criminal a thief, a killer, or a rapist.” [Cited in R. Scott Richards, *Myths the World Taught Me* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1991), p. 39.]

It is to transform this self-centered human nature into a selfless, God-

How Saints Explained the Holy Trinity

Since the Holy Trinity is a mystery, all these examples are only the shadows of the shadows of the truth. The shamrock, a kind of clover, is a leguminous herb that grows in marshy places.

St. Patrick, the missionary patron saint of Ireland, used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. The story goes that one day his friends asked Patrick to explain the Mystery of the Trinity. He looked at the ground and saw shamrocks growing amid the grass at his feet. He picked one with its trifoliate leaves and asked if it were one leaf or three. Patrick's friends couldn't answer – the shamrock leaf looked like one, but it clearly had three parts. Patrick explained to them: “The mystery of the Holy Trinity – one God in Three Persons: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - is like this, but more complex and unintelligible.”



St. Cyril, the teacher of the Slavs, tried to explain the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity using sun as an example. He said, “God the Father is that blazing sun. God the Son is its light and God the Holy Spirit is its heat — but there is only one sun. So, there are three Persons in the Holy Trinity, but God is One and indivisible.”

St. John Maria Vianney used to explain Holy Trinity using lighted candles and roses on the altar and water in the cruets. “The flame has color, warmth and shape. But these are expressions of one flame. Similarly, the rose has color, fragrance and shape. But these are expressions of one reality, namely, rose. Water, steam and ice are three distinct expressions of one reality. In the same way one God revealed Himself to us as Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.”

Trinity is a Model for Families

We are created in love to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love. From the day of our Baptism, we have belonged to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How privileged we are to grow up in such a beautiful Family! Hence, let us turn to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in prayer every day. We belong to the Family of the Triune God. The love, unity and joy in the relationship among the Father, Son and Holy Spirit should be the supreme model of our relationships within our Christian families. Our families become truly Christian when we live in a relationship of love with God and with others.

centered one that the Second Person of the Holy Trinity took human form as described in today's Gospel. We need to respect ourselves and respect others. Our conviction of the presence of the Triune God within us should help us to esteem ourselves as God's holy dwelling place, to behave well in His holy presence, and to lead purer and holier lives, practicing acts of justice and charity. This Triune Presence should also encourage us to respect and honor others as "Temples of the Holy Spirit."

Reflect

The Development of the Doctrine of Trinity

The oldest doctrinal formulation of the Church's belief in the Trinity is found in **the Apostles' Creed** which has served as the basis of instruction for catechumens and as the Baptismal confession of Faith since the second century. Later, **the Nicene Creed**, originating at the Council of Nicaea (AD 325), stated the doctrine more explicitly. This creed was introduced into our Western liturgy by the regional council of Toledo in AD 589.

God has revealed to us three separate functions that are carried out by the Three Persons. He has told us that it is proper to attribute to God the Father the work of creation, to God the Son the work of Redemption and to God the Holy Spirit the work of Sanctification. Our knowledge of God as Trinity is made possible by *God*, who has chosen to be revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As Father, God has brought forth the created universe, including our own being. As Son, Jesus has made known a God who hears our cries, who cares, who counts the hairs on our head and who loves us so passionately that He became one of us in order to suffer for our sins, and even to die for us. As Spirit, God remains with us and within us.

Pray

Miraculous Medal Novena



Among the popular piety, Marian devotion has a pre-eminent place of honor. Prayer is the language of the heart, and prayer to Jesus through our Blessed Mother strengthens us, gives us hope, and unites us to heaven. The Miraculous Medal is a symbol of devotion and love recognized by the Catholic Church. It is a support for those looking for grace, for those facing a hard time in their lives, or for those who just want to remember every day that they are not alone, and have an endlessly good and loving Mother supporting and sustaining them. Please join us in praying our **Miraculous Medal Novena every Monday**, its traditional day, **after the 8am Mass**. (except no Prayer on 5/31, Memorial Day.)

The prayer is available at: www.stmatthias.net/wp-content/uploads/NovenaMiraculousMedal.pdf

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First Holy Communion Celebrants

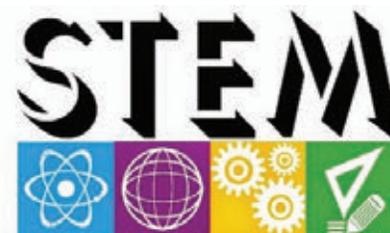
Congratulations to the 35 children who celebrated their First Communion this past weekend on Saturday May 22 and Sunday May 23 at St. Matthias! Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith, hope and love in the Lord through the Eucharist.

<i>Paige Bandong</i>	<i>Madelyn Saba</i>	<i>Lily Grace Berberabe</i>	<i>Madelynn Lessard</i>
<i>Matthew Belloff</i>	<i>Ian Sarabia Firoz</i>	<i>Angellina Burtenshaw-Schreibman</i>	<i>Isagani Jethro Martinez</i>
<i>Fabienne Bernadeau</i>	<i>Kinley Sias</i>	<i>Austin Chukrallah</i>	<i>Matthew Masis</i>
<i>Dylan Hill</i>	<i>Samantha Ster</i>	<i>Cleo Chukrallah</i>	<i>Mia Passero</i>
<i>Ava Huber</i>	<i>Emilia Tjetjep</i>	<i>Goldin Doxy</i>	<i>River Primus</i>
<i>Rosabella Iturriaga</i>	<i>Catherine Trynosky</i>	<i>Harvey James Furnell</i>	<i>Thorin Rizzo</i>
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<i>Valentina Mosquera-Gensini</i>	<i>Abigail Weber</i>	<i>Julissa Hermann</i>	<i>Mackenzie Grace Smith</i>
<i>Mackenzie Negvesky</i>	<i>Benjamin Andrews</i>		<i>Arianna Taveras</i>

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

June 28 – July 2, 2021 from 8:30am - 3:00pm
In-person at St. Matthias School
(for students going into Grades 2-6 at SMS)



Attention Parents: Spark your kid’s creativity and confidence with our new Camp Invention® program, entitled RECHARGE! Campers will team up to take on fun, hands-on STEM challenges. From taking apart their own microphone to exploring solar-powered crickets and designing duck-launching devices, each activity is designed to give your young innovator an unforgettable summer experience! Visit invent.org/mylocalcamp or call 800-968-4332 to secure your spot.

Register by May 26th with a \$25 discount; use code SUM25

Register by June 15 for materials count, but walk-ins are welcome! Director: Christine Taylor ctaylor@stmatthiasnj.org, (732) 322-8793. REGISTER AT INVENT.ORG/CAMP OR 800-968-4332.

Give

To Those Who are Putting Cash in the Collection Baskets

Thank you for the weekly offering that you put as cash in the collection box. St. Matthias parish is certainly grateful for your sacrificial giving. But you are losing out on the chance for reductions when you file taxes as we have no record of your valuable contributions. Therefore, it will be helpful if you can do one of the following:

1. The first preferred option that most of our parishioners have chosen is to sign up with Parish Giving at www.parishgiving.org If you have any difficulty, our

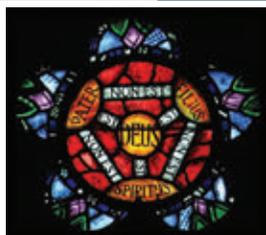
Parish Office can help you.

2. The second option is to use an envelope with your name and address.

Both these options will help us record your contributions and give you the required letter you will need for tax purposes. And in case you are not registered as a parishioner, kindly register at www.stmatthias.net/join-us That way you will be assigned a Parish ID number to help with the above options. Thanks for considering this request.

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 44 - May 2, 2021	\$9,499.00	\$9,656.25	\$19,155.25	\$30,721.36
Week 45 - May 9, 2021	\$8,523.00	\$27,064.75	\$35,587.75	\$27,166.36
Week 46 - May 16, 2021	\$16,611.25	\$14,850.25	\$31,461.50	\$27,014.36
Week 47 - May 23, 2021	\$9,647.00	\$12,694.25	\$22,341.25	
			Month-to-date Total	May Total Last Yr
			\$108,545.75	\$138,250.23
			Current Year-to-date Total	Year-to-date as of May 31, 2020
			\$1,201,900.93	\$1,298,087.89

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.



Give

Stewardship Reflection May 30, 2021

Most Holy Trinity

“The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...” - ROMANS 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

Reflexiónese — 30 de mayo de 2021

La Santísima Trinidad

“Y ese mismo Espíritu es el que, uniéndose al nuestro, da testimonio de que somos hijos de Dios. Y si somos hijos, también somos herederos: herederos de Dios y coherederos con Cristo...” ROMANOS - 8:16-17

¿Si somos herederos del reino de Dios, no deberíamos trabajar para construir Su reino? ¿No deberíamos ser buenos administradores de su herencia, utilizando nuestro tiempo para orar, nuestro talento en obras de caridad y nuestros tesoros para cuidar de la Iglesia que Dios nos dejó? Nuestra Iglesia es un preciado legado de Dios. ¿La tratamos cómo lo que es?

Serve

Help the Pregnancy Aid Center in Raritan



All parishioners are invited to bring in items for donation to the Pregnancy Aid Center before/after all Masses on **June 5/6**. These items will be sorted by our youth ministry, SMYLE, for delivery to the Pregnancy Aid Center. Please drop off the items in the Cry

Room before 1 PM on Sunday, June 6.

Here is the list of the MOST NEEDED items:

- Enfamil (Yellow)
- Kids toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Kids socks—ages 2 and up
- Diapers size 5
- Diaper cream, e.g., Desitin
- Boys & Girls summer pajamas—sizes 2-10
- Boys & Girls summer shorts & short sleeve tees—sizes 2-10
- Baby lotion



Thank you!

Interested in Joining the Vocations Ministry Committee?

If you are interested in joining the Vocations Ministry Committee, please contact Joe Percoco, Percoco@oit.rutgers.edu or MaryBeth Vetter Purcell, MaryBeth.vetter@gmail.com, for a zoom invite to our next meetings on June 2 and June 16, 7:30-8:30 pm.

Local Community

JFK 104TH BIRTHDAY & MEMORIAL DEDICATION

You are invited to come and celebrate the 104th Birthday of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Elected Officials-Dignitaries are invited. Come hear them speak and help inaugurate the JFK Memorial.

Saturday May 29, 1 PM
@ 2 JFK Boulevard, JFK Plaza, Franklin Township, Somerset NJ 08873

For more information call Rajiv Prasad, (973)615-9369. To RSVP, email: rprasad100@att.net

JFK Memorial Dedication, Sat., May 29th at 1:00 PM

Please join us on **Saturday, May 29, 1 PM** at 2 JFK Boulevard, JFK Plaza, for the **JFK 104th Birthday and Memorial Dedication.**

Msgr. Joe Curry will do the Blessing.

The ceremony will be followed by a box lunch snack. Please RSVP to rprasad100@att.net Questions? Contact Rajiv Prasad at 973-615-9369 or at the above email.

Parking will be available behind the Plaza or opposite at Rutgers Plaza.



CAR WASH Fundraiser

Sponsored by St. Matthias Boy Scout Troop 154 & Cub Scout Pack 195



**Saturday, May 29,
10 am to 3 pm**

in front of the church & school



Suggested donation: Car—\$10;
Minivan/SUV—\$15

All proceeds from the event will help to fund the Activity Programs of Troup 154 and Pack 195.

Local Community

ICONS: AN INVITATION TO MYSTICAL PRAYER

-presented by Mt. St. Mary House of Prayer



Recently there has been an increase in the popular and ecumenical appeal of icons. How do we add icons to our prayer and contemplation? Come learn to expand your spiritual experience to encompass the entire Christian spiritual legacy.

Wed., Jun. 15, 7-9 p.m. Virtual. (\$20-\$30 as you are able)
 Presenter: Sr. Antonia Cooper, OSF

Sister Antonia has been working with icons for years.
 Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer
 1651 US Hwy. 22



Bereavement Group

Saint Peter's University Hospital hosts a Bereavement Group to support those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The group meets on the first and third Thursday of the month from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.

If you are interested please email Chaplain Adriana Mastandino at amastandino@saintpetersuh.com
 Or call 732-745-8600, extension 8894 for more details.

Somerset County Department of Human Services Offers Career Resources

Free resources are offered through the Greater Raritan One Stop Career Center and the Greater Raritan Valley Workforce Development Board (GRWDB) which serves job seekers at all points in their career journey. These include weekly job postings across the area, career counseling, aptitude/interest/skill-based assessments, virtual workshops/webinars, free labor market information, workforce learning opportunities, on-the-job training grants, resume building assistance, Chromebook loaner program, free online learning portal, assistance enhancing basic literacy and computer skills, and more. Visit:

www.thegrwdb.org or call 908-541-5780.



Parish Leadership

Parish Pastoral Council:	Co-Secretary:	MaryBeth Vetter Purcell	Parish Finance Council:	Audrey Francis
Chair: Nick Grippo	Denise Brown	John Taylor	Joe Porter, Chair	Kester Hector
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Co-Chair: Lisa Robinson	Anne Marie Francis	Fr. Abraham, Ex-Officio	@stmatthias.net	Fr. Abraham, Ex-Officio
lar0504@comcast.net	Claudine Langrin		Susan Klimcsak	
Secretary: Tom Aussem	Joe Percoco		Barry Dusault	Trustees:
	Rose Peng		Gwen Orłowski	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.



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