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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHIAS

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022 –

Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

St. Matthias Turns 60!

Join Us NEXT Weekend,
 May 14th and 15th
 for our Kick-off Celebration!

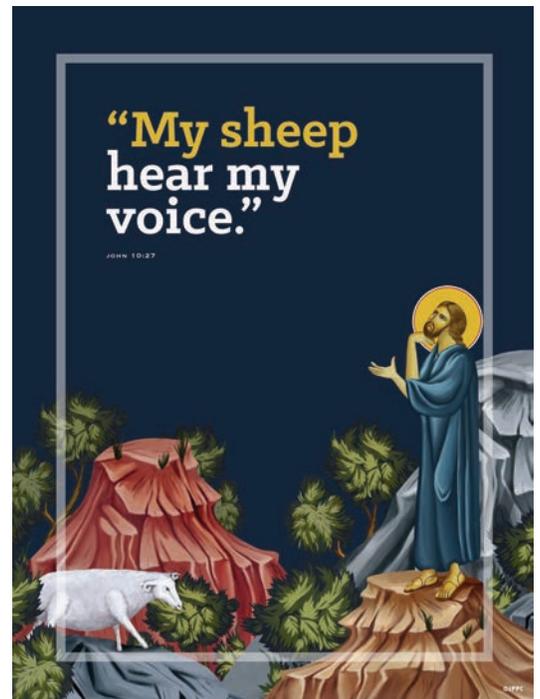
Come to the 5 PM Mass
 next Saturday, May 14, and
 then celebrate at the
Evening Reception. More
 details on page 7.

Today Is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Holy Father has
 asked all Catholics to
 intercede for vocations.

Will you make a special
 effort to ask the Lord for
 more vocations to the
 priesthood and religious
 life? Here are a few suggestions:

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests and deacons in prayer throughout the week.
- Encourage your children or grandchildren to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call..



15 Permanent Deacons This Year!

All are welcome to join Bishop James F. Checchio as he ordains 15 men to the permanent diaconate at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. These men are part of the Diocese's first ever Spanish-speaking diaconate class. The livestream link and details are available at: diometuchen.org/ordinations.

Please hold in prayer all deacons of the Diocese of Metuchen and this year's candidates: Ysidro Abreu; William Chirinos; Jose R. Diaz; Sergio Diaz; Richard Ferreira; Paul Flor; German Gonzalez; Vidal Gonzalez Zelaya; Francisco Jaurides; Jose Fritz Molina; Hernando Patino; Freddy Perez Sena; Pedro Sanchez Duval; Jose Suarez Aular; and Ubaldo Valdez.



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www.stmatthias.net/Amazon

This Week @ St. Matthias

Masses are also livestreamed on our YouTube channel: [youtube.com/c/StMatthiasSomersetNJ](https://www.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 May 8, 2022 **Mother's Day**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00AM Mass Church
10:00AM Mass Church
11:00AM RCIA John XXIII Rm
12:00PM Mass Church

Monday, May 9 2022 **St. George Preca, Priest**

8:00AM Mass/Miraculous Medal Novena Church
9:00AM SMS - Rehearsals

Tuesday, May 10 2022 **St. Father Damien, Priest & Missionary**

8:00AM Mass Church
6:00PM SMS Celebration of the Arts K-5 Church
7:00PM SMDP Racial Justice Initiative Core Grp. Zoom
8:30PM SVDP Recommitment Prayer Service Church

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 **St. Ignatius of Laconi, Monk**

8:00AM Mass Church
9:30AM Prayer Grp 1 Holy Spirit Zoom
2:00PM Alzheimer's Support Grp. de Porres Rm
7:00PM SMDP Society Monthly Mtg. Zoom
7:30PM Folk Group Rehearsal Church

Thursday, May 12 2022 **Sts. Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras, Martyrs**

8:00AM Mass Church
7:30PM Sunday 10AM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:30PM NeXt Level Mtg. Zoom

Friday, May 13, 2022 **Our Lady of Fatima**

8:00AM Mass Church
4:00PM Confirmation w/ Most Rev. James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen Church

Saturday, May 14, 2022 **Feast of St. Matthias**

9:00AM Faith & Racial Equity Sess. 6 Zoom
10:00AM Caregivers Support Grp. Zoom
3:30PM Reconciliation Church
5:00PM **Mass-Feast of St. Matthias-**
Msgr. Joe Celano, Fr. Abraham & Msgr. Brennan Church
6:00PM **Reception-Feast of St. Matthias,** hosted by the St. Martin de Porres Society Cafeteria

Sunday May 15, 2022

8:00AM Mass Church
10:00AM Mass Church
10:30AM RCIA John XXIII Rm
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



Dear Friends,

Today we thank our mothers and honor them by celebrating Mother's Day and by offering our mothers on the altar of God as we pray for them. This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on us, their children, is so great that it affects us throughout our lives. Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in our religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behavior, disciplined us as best as they could and made us good citizens of our country, our Church and our society.

Thomas Edison once said, *"I did not have my mother long, but she cast over me an influence which has lasted all my life. The good effects of her early training I can never lose. If it had not been for her appreciation and her faith in me at a critical time in my experience, I should never likely have become an inventor. I was always a careless boy, and with a mother of different mental caliber, I should have turned out badly. But her firmness, her sweetness, her goodness were potent powers to keep me in the right path. My mother was the making of me. The memory of her will always be a blessing to me."*

I think we all can relate to such sentiments. Hence, it is only right and proper for us to express our love and gratitude to our mothers by our presence, gifts and prayers on Mother's Day. The Mother's Day intentions and offerings remind us of our prayers of thanksgiving for all the mothers in our congregation, whether they are alive or have gone for their eternal reward. The word "mom" is synonymous with sacrificial, *agápe* love in its purest form, as given by Jesus in his farewell speech: *"Love one another as I have loved you."* Hence, let us lavish our love on our mothers and express our gratitude for them in the form of fervent prayers offered for them, before God – not just for one day, but every day! God bless you dear mothers!

The Catholic Church proclaims the great nobility of the Mother of Jesus, and presents her as the supreme model for all mothers. What a good feeling we get each time we sing that beautiful song, *"Gentle woman, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love."* Let us show our love and appreciation for both of our mothers, and let us ask our Heavenly Mother to take care of our earthly mothers. We need to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents and lives for them, as our mothers are.

Happy Mother's Day!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Orapankal

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17
Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 7	5:00PM	Spiritual Intention for the Soul of Marie DeFeo, by Daughter, Lisa & family
Sunday, May 8	8:00AM	Maria Olbei- Mom of Mary Rockhill, by Lutz & Rabouin families
	10:00AM	All Mothers - Living & deceased
	12:00PM	Mary Eads, by The Family
	(5:30PM)	Intention of Parishioners
Monday, May 9	8:00AM	Hugh Scott, by Anne Marie Francis
Tuesday, May 10	8:00AM	Anthony Lopes & Mary Silva, by The Silva & Francis Families
Wednesday, May 11	8:00AM	Frank Catalina, by Catherine Campen
Thursday, May 12	8:00AM	Sr. Marie Thomas, OP & Muriel Aussem, by Tom
Friday, May 13	8:00AM	Dorothy Gonzalez, by Anne Marie
Saturday, May 14	5:00PM	Joyce Shamy, by Evelyn Ayoub Froehlich
Sunday, May 15	8:00AM	Patricia J. Highland, by Joseph C. Gidaro
	10:00AM	Darlene McKinney, by The Lenczewski Family
	12:00PM	Jill Szabo, by Eileen King & Family
	(5:30PM)	Intention of Parishioners

Pray for those who are sick...

If you or a family member are sick, please call the Parish Office or **email Kelly Counts** at kcounts@stmatthias.net 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	Rose Gessner	Sabrina Moloney	Buddy Scott
Carolyn Banghart	Mary Gidaro	Dave Moynihan	Sr. Mary Amata Shina, OSF
Brandon Barbarite	Marie Godet	Eleanor Nagy	Sr. Rosaria Shina, OSF
Gladys Battle	Sloopy Hoffman	Jean Oberlander	Catherine Sloomaker
Marie Brody	Baby Isla-Rose Huffman	Danny Ongchangco	Dennis Stuewe
Thomas Burns	Al & Rose Larangeira	Paul & Doris Paetow	Jeff Sullivan
Tara Capatosto	Erlina Liem	Bernadine Pasternak	Jeff Tami
Ellen Catalina	The Litrakis Family	Jim Pettit	Jeaninne Tosh
Cenon DeGuzman	Kenneth & Kelly Magat	Christina Pietrowiak	Regina Wellman
Alaina Derecola	Al Maglio	Ruth Piscadlo	Mark T. Worthington
Marlene DiMaggio	Sue Maglio-Alese	Chris Retz	
Mary Dolan	King Manansala	Jaxon Rivera	And for all who are ill,
William Dolphin	Christine L. Matthews	Jorge Rivera	homebound, elderly, in nursing
Josephine Geenty	Beatrice May	Barbara Ruziska	care, or living with chronic
Claudia Gemgnani	Margaret Menendez	Maria Schwenzer	illness, we pray.
Emma Gergely	Carol Millemann	Lena Sciotto	

Pray for those who have died...

— “His mercy endures forever.” *Chronicles*

James Dolan
 Albert Larangeira, father of Linda Piscadlo

Reflect



Smile with Your Family



Daughter: “Mom, what’s it like to have the greatest daughter in the world?”

Mom: “I don’t know dear, you’d have to ask Grandma.”

A kid asks his dad, “What’s a man?”

The dad says, “A man is someone who is responsible and cares for their family.” The kid says, “I hope one day I can be a man just like mom!”

I shouted to my Mum on Mother’s Day, “How does breakfast in bed sound?”

She said, “Ooh that sounds lovely! I said, “Great, I’ll have bacon, fries and two eggs.”

Motherhood is like a fairy tale, but in

reverse. You start out in a beautiful ball gown and end up in stained rags cleaning up after little people.

“It’s spicy” is the universal mom code word for “I don’t want to share.”

Being a mother of a teenager is finally understanding why some animals eat their young.

Nothing is truly lost until Mom can’t find it.

Ever heard of a job that requires no experience, gives no training, pays nothing, and you can’t quit? That’s motherhood. Oh, and people’s lives are on the line.

Motherhood means that half the time I feel like I’m running an asylum, and the other half I feel like I belong in one.

Mommy doesn’t have a favorite child—you all annoy me equally.

Why is a computer so smart? Because it listens to its motherboard.

I love all my children equally. Except for the one who sleeps. I love that one more.

Science teacher: “When is the boiling point reached?” Student: “When my mother sees my report card!”

MOTHER’S SACRIFICIAL LOVE

On Sunday, August 16, 1987, Northwest Airlines flight 225 crashed just after taking off from the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. One hundred fifty-five people were killed. One survived with injuries: a 4-year-old from Tempe, Arizona, named Cecelia. News accounts say when rescuers found Cecelia they did not believe she had been on the plane. Investigators first assumed Cecelia had been a passenger in one of the cars on the highway onto which the airliner crashed. But when the passenger register for the flight was checked, there was Cecelia's name. "Cecelia survived because, as the plane was falling, Cecelia's mother, Paula Chican, unbuckled her own seat belt, got down on her knees in front of her daughter, wrapped her arms and body around Cecelia, and then would not let her go." She was a real mother. That sounds to me like a metaphor of the love of God.

THANK YOU PRAYER FOR MOMS

Thank you, dear Lord, for our mothers: who were brave enough to give birth, who loved through many growing-up years, who taught about God and love and being good, who often got no thanks, whose ears could hear the slightest cry, whose eyes didn't miss much either, whose hands held and bathed and picked up, whose hearts were often broken, who always forgave and forgot, who encouraged when things went badly, who always had time to listen, who worked so hard to make things go, who make the world so much better, who deserve our love on Mother's Day and every day even for eternity. Amen.



MOTHERS CAN BE SHREWD

Former president Jimmy Carter spoke at Southern Methodist University and related an incident that occurred after he had left the White House. A woman reporter came to Plains, Georgia, to interview his mother in relation to an article about Mr. Carter and his family. His mother really didn't want to be interviewed, but was being gracious. So when the reporter knocked at her door, Mrs. Carter invited her in. The reporter asked some hard questions and actually was rather aggressive and rude. "I want to ask you a question," she said. "Your son ran for the presidency on the premise that he would always tell the truth. Has he ever lied?" Mrs. Carter said, "I think he's truthful; I think you can depend on his word." The reporter again asked if he had ever lied in his entire life. His mother said, "Well, I guess maybe he's told a little white lie." "Ah, see there!" the reporter exclaimed. "He's lied! If he told a white lie, he has lied." The reporter was still not satisfied and asked, "What is a white lie?" And then Lillian Carter said, "It's like a moment ago when you knocked on the door and I went to the door and said I was glad to see you."

MOTHER HAS THE AUTHORITY TO CORRECT

You may be grown-up now, but to your mother, you are still fair game for correction. When his pager went off during a council meeting, Knoxville, Tenn. Police Chief Phil Keith was startled to see that the call was from his mother. Concerned, he rushed to the press table and phoned her. "Phil Keith, are you chewing gum?" asked his mom, who had been watching the council meeting on cable TV. "Yes, ma'am," answered Chief Keith. "Well, it looks awful," his mother said. "Spit it out." Keith dutifully removed the gum and went back to his meeting!

Reflect

😊 10 LESSONS FROM MY MOTHER! 😊

1. My mother taught me RELIGION: "You'd better pray that it will come out of the carpet."
2. My mother taught me TIME TRAVEL: "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
3. My mother taught me FORESIGHT: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
4. My mother taught me IRONY: "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
5. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM: "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
6. My mother taught me about WEATHER: "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
7. My mother taught me about ENVY: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
8. My mother taught me HUMOUR: "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
9. My mother taught me WISDOM: "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
10. My mother taught me about JUSTICE: "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you".

Parenting 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?



Marriage Tune-Up

As a father, what did you do on Mother's Day? A suggestion for next time: What is more important than getting a gift for your wife is to coach your son or daughter (if need be) in deciding how they can best honor their mother.



Sunday Reflection: Finding the Missing Words

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life and, and they shall never perish."

John 10: 27-30

She struggled to rally a smile as she entered his hospital room. Paul, her husband of 35 years, had suffered a massive stroke. She struggled to rally a smile. "Hi, honey," she said. Paul looked at her helplessly. His face was frozen in a distorted scowl, his mouth slouched to the right, his lip curled. He tried to answer. But all he could sputter was "Mem." Of course, she had no idea what he was trying to say. When she didn't respond, he brought down his fist on the bed railing, repeating, "Mem, mem, mem." When she tried to comfort him, he pushed away. He struggled to speak, but all he could manage was a little sound - *whggggggggg* - as if he were blowing out a candle. His frustration became anger, before he finally fell back on his pillow, defeated. "Mem, mem, mem."

"I wish I could understand you," she said, more to herself than to him. "Mem, mem, mem," he cried. "Mem, mem, mem" - the first words of the new language that they would learn together. Once home, as she helped him recover, he had to relearn language - and she had to learn a new one. Over time, Paul was able to speak words other than "Mem" - and she was able to understand the different meanings of "Mem" on different days, at different times, in different sets of circumstances. Paul gradually recovered his speech, though his days are still riddled with aphasia. But thanks to the plasticity of the brain, the power of human will, and plain hard work, she hears him and understands what he is trying to say.

Six years after she walked into that hospital room, she says, "life is different, but sweet, often delving into hilarious charades as he tries to pin a word down . . . So there are many frustrations, but once again a shared revelry with words. And Paul seems altogether happier than before, living more in the moment, grateful to be alive. "We often remember with a shiver those early days in the hospital, when life felt small as a noose, and I thought it was the end of our long love story. I discovered instead that it was only the beginning of a new chapter." [From *One Hundred Names of Love: A Stroke, a Marriage and the Language of Healing* by Diane Ackerman.]

Love that perseveres despite the obstacles, love that refuses to yield to discouragement and disappointment, love that puts aside personal need and gain for the sake of the beloved is the "voice" of the Good Shepherd. With compassion, a spouse struggles tirelessly to decipher the love in the gnarled speech of her husband and responds in kind. The "voice" of Christ is heard in the midst of their hard work to reconstruct their life together in hope and joy. Christ the Good Shepherd calls us to listen consciously, deliberately, wisely for his voice in the depths of our hearts; to listen for his voice in the love and joy, the pain and anguish, the cries for mercy and justice of those around us. In our own acts of generosity, love and forgiveness, we echo and give voice to the Risen Christ and the good news of hope and grace that is the Easter miracle.

Reflect

Mother Teresa's Good Shepherd Prayer

During her visit to the United Nations several years ago, Mother Theresa was approached by a diplomat who said, "I am not a Catholic, Mother. But I want to know: how should I pray." The frail little nun took his burly hands in hers and spread out five of his fingers on one hand. "When you pray," she said, "Think about the many blessings you have received; then, at the end of the day, count out on each finger the words spoken to you by Jesus: *You.. did.. this.. for.. me.*" The diplomat left holding up his hand as though it were a trophy and saying: "You did this for me." In this simple prayer, Mother Theresa made the Resurrection seem real. What she meant was that the love and peace of the Good Shepherd is present to us in the many moments of compassion that bless our lives: in kind words, in the listening ear, in generous actions. Jesus is also present in the blessings we extend to others.

The Good Shepherd of today's Gospel guides us every day in our journey to eternal life. Even as we allow the Good Shepherd to guide us, we need to remember that everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, etc. are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties, thus giving their children good example through the way they live their Christian lives.

"Whatever happens, don't let go!"

There is a wonderful scene towards the end of the movie, *Titanic*. As the ship is preparing to take its final plunge into the cold waters of the Atlantic, Jack Dawson and Rose are hanging straight onto the edge of the ship. Jack turns to Rose and tells her: "Don't let go. Whatever happens, don't let go." There is something profound in knowing that there is someone who wants us to hold on – no matter how difficult the situation. As children, we hold on to our parents for guidance and protection. When we are adults, we hope to find a spouse or close friend who will hold us when we are hurt and carry us when we stumble. In today's Gospel, we hear the profound revelation from Jesus that God intends to "hold us" through every storm and every difficulty of life.

Jesus, as our Good Shepherd, offers us double protection. He assures us that we are in his hands and nothing will ever take us from him. He further assures us that we are safe in the sheepfold which is the local parish. Hence, as the good sheep of the parish, we are expected to:

- a) *hear and follow the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling and advice;*
- b) *receive the spiritual food by regular participation in the Holy Mass, by frequenting the Sacraments and by attending prayer services, renewal programs and missions;*
- c) *cooperate with the pastors by giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, by encouraging them in their duties, by lovingly offering them constructive criticism when they are found misbehaving or failing in their duties and by praying for them; and*
- d) *cooperate with our fellow-parishioners in the activities of various councils, ministries and parish associations.*

From the Pastoral Staff

Please join with all of us at St. Matthias in congratulating and praying for all the children who received Our Lord in the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on May 7 and those who will receive on May 21.

2021-2022 saw a return to in-person preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Our families began each Sunday of the preparation period by celebrating Mass together before the children's session and the adult learning session

Thank you to our First Reconciliation and First Eucharist catechists, Sr. Maria Derecola, OSF, Mrs. Johanne Rateau and Mrs. Angela Williams for their faithfulness and dedication. A special thank you to Mrs. Patricia Cullen for her work on the beautiful 2022 First Communion quilt hanging in our worship space. The squares on the quilt were made by the children and their families. Special thanks also to Mrs. Marilyn Parente who has generously offered to use her photography skills to take pictures of our First Communicants during the two First Communion Masses.

Dee Nann

Pastoral Associate, Faith Formation



St. Matthias 60th Anniversary Celebration Kick-off: NEXT Weekend!

Join us for the **Kick-off Celebration** for St. Matthias' 60th Anniversary next weekend—**May 14th and 15th**—celebrating the Feast of St. Matthias!

We will begin at the **5 pm Saturday Mass**, with Msgr. Celano as the President. Mass will be followed by an **Evening Reception in the cafeteria, hosted by the St. Martin de Porres Society**.

We will continue the celebration at the Sunday morning Masses, with refreshments after Mass.

On **June 26**, we will have the official celebration of the 60th Anniversary at the **12 Noon Mass**, with Bishop Checchio as the President.

Stay tuned for more events to celebrate this great milestone of our parish! *And don't forget to send in your recipes (see below)!*

**SMS Golf Classic—
Wednesday, June 8, 2022
Royce Brook Golf Club,
Hillsborough Township, NJ**

June 8, 2022

St. Matthias School Golf Classic

Register now for this great, community-building event to benefit our very own St. Matthias School. Registration includes Golf, Breakfast, and a Luncheon with a two-hour open bar. Each golfer will receive a swag bag containing a personalized bag tag, sleeve of golf balls and gift cards. \$10,000 Hole in One Contest, Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive Contests. Raffle and Silent Auction to close the day.

Sponsorship opportunities available. Donations of golf items, sports memorabilia, gift certificates, etc., for the Silent Auction are welcome.

SMS is an excellent place for children in Pre-K through 8th grade. Our challenging academics, outstanding faculty and engaging learning environment provides children with the opportunity to grow and mature. Proceeds from the SMS Golf Classic will be used to support the school's commitment to education, equipment, and special events.

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-ce391c971ef/details/registration-details>

*** Calling all 'Foodies'!! ***

The **60th Anniversary Edition of the St. Matthias Cookbook** is looking for you favorite recipes!!

Please go the St. Matthias website, to enter them now:

www.stmatthias.net/cookbook



If you do not have Internet access, our committee can enter them for you. Forms are also available to print out on the cookbook link. Submit hardcopies of your recipes to the Parish Office on the **Official Recipe Collection Sheet**. Please **submit your recipe by May 22nd** so we can meet our deadline.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbook, and we want to be certain to order enough.

To reserve your copies, download the **Advanced Order Coupon** from the website and hand in, with complete payment (\$20 per cookbook), to the Parish Office. **Orders must be in by June 1st**. Please make checks payable to St. Matthias Church with "Cookbook" in the memo line.

If you have any questions, please email Pat Cullen at fitpro436@gmail.com and put "Cookbook" in the subject line!

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EASTER SEASON MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN: Saturday, May 28, 6:00 pm Pizza Dinner/
6:30 pm Movie

WHERE: St. John XXIII Room

Please join us for a special movie night this Easter Season! We will watch *Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert*, starring John Legend. There will be pizza, beverages, cookies, and lots of fellowship. This event is FREE and ALL are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to matthiasracialjustice@gmail.com by Friday, May 27th so we can prepare accordingly. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Pray



Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Effective this upcoming Easter season, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be permanently transferred from Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter to the following Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, in all Catholic dioceses in New Jersey. **This year, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be observed on Sunday, May 29.** This liturgical observance is an integral dimension of the completion of Our Lord's paschal mystery and, after much discussion, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey collectively discerned that the transferring the observance to the following Sunday would allow for greater participation among the faithful.

Please join with all of us at St. Matthias in congratulating and praying for all the children receiving Our Lord in the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time

May 7:

Kaiya Allen
Olivia Do-Vu
Francis Erick Bagui
Francis M. Bawalan
Aiden Bil
Giovanni Carmona
Julius Xavier Carmona
Ryan Cayabyab
Luis Gabriel Cervantes
Loraine Angela Coloma
Kasper Dabrowa
Brooklyn Diem
Hailey Dupras

Michael Fernandez, Jr.
Daniella Fusco
Ashley Fusco
Devon Kelly
Mia Korytkowski
Jayden Lara
Kaela Lyons
Claire Mattrey
Avery Pender
Jacob Psinakis
Alexander Rovitto
Michael Staub
Zoe Timko

May 21:

Grace Fattori
Patrick Gaul
Kevin Hill
Sean Joseph
Cole Lagman
Jocelyn Laine
Luke Migliorisi
Nicole Nowak
Bryn O'Mara
Josephine Ramos
Kenneth Vincent Raymundo
Dillon Rivera
Gabriella Mowday

Erin Scanlon
Drew Stallings
Lucas Tanis-Burgos
Joseph Jack Torralba
Mikail Alexandros Vassiliou
Lilly Welton



Give (and Receive!)

Bishop's Annual Appeal — Thank You!

Thank you to our parishioners who have donated or pledged \$179,577.85 to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This places us just over our parish's target amount. **For all donations beyond our target, St. Matthias will receive 50% of the donation** and the diocese will receive 50%.

If you have not yet donated, you may do so by check by returning the card you in the mail, or online by going to: <https://diometuchen.org/donate> Be sure to select "Somerset—St. Matthias Parish" in the drop-down menu. Thank you for your generosity!

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	\$0.00	\$10,651.05	\$19,155.25
Week 45 - May 8, 2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,587.75
Week 46 - May 15, 2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,461.50
Week 47 - May 22, 2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,341.25
Week 48 - May 29, 2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,517.25
			Month-to-date Total	May Total Last Yr
Catholic Relief Services			\$10,651.05	\$126,063.00
(in-pew) - \$1,667.50			Current Year-to-date Total	Year-to-date as of May 31,
Parish Giving Amount will be included next week.			\$1,149,683.14	\$1,219,418.20

Stewardship Reflection May 8, 2022 4th Sunday of Easter

Reflexiones — 8de mayo de 2022 4to. Domingo de Pascua

“The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” (ACTS 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord’s call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

“Los discípulos se llenaron de júbilo y del Espíritu Santo”. (Hechos 13:52)

Los discípulos escucharon la llamada de Nuestro Señor y fueron capaces de predicar el mensaje del Evangelio con fuerza y vitalidad. Nosotros también, podemos experimentar ese mismo júbilo si hacemos espacio para que el Espíritu Santo llene nuestros corazones. Cuando utilizamos nuestros dones en la forma que Dios pretende, Él nos llena con una alegría sobrenatural. ¡Una alegría que los demás notan y que los atrae!

Serve

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION®

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. The group will meet **Wednesday, May 11th from 2pm-3:30pm in the dePorres room in the Parish 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 Alzheimer's Support Group meets every second Wednesday of the month!

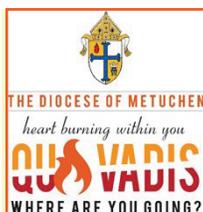
Caregivers/Care Support Ministry Zoom Meeting



We'd like to invite parishioners who are caring for ill loved ones, or are coping with chronic illness themselves, and in need of spiritual and emotional support, to join us for discussion and prayer via Zoom

DATE: SATURDAY, May 14th TIME: 10am - 11 noon PLACE: Via Zoom

Please contact: Donna Kahora: friendsofnikki@comcast.net or Sister Marie Therese: mshewood@stmatthias.net 732-828-1400 for Zoom details if you are interested in joining us.



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, please email quovadis@diometuchen.org

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Interactive Workshop: Prayer through the Lens of Your Camera



Saturday, June 4, 2022
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For details and to register, visit:

<https://www.stfrancisctr.org/upcoming-events/prayer-through-the-lens-of-your-camera>

CENTER FOR GREAT EXPECTATIONS

RECEPTION & TOUR — June 1, 12 pm to 1 pm

Please arrive a little before 12 noon, since this is a tour (not an Open House). We will be providing a continental breakfast. For details and to register, visit:

www.cge-nj.org/events/cge-information-receptions.



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GOD'S ON-GOING CALL
Wednesday, May 18th, 7—9pm

God calls in different ways at different times in our lives. How do we hear the call, and how do we respond, no matter how old we are? *Presenter: Barbara Lee, a spiritual director, author and retired lawyer who has served as a member of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps.*

SACRED TIME, SACRED SPACE
Thursday and Friday, May 19th, 9:30 AM — 3 PM

A personal, quiet day to enjoy God's presence. Day begins with communal prayer. Bring bag lunch.

Details and to register: www.msmhope.org, 908-753-2091 or msmhope@msmhope.org.

Relics of Saint Bernadette

From April to August 2022, the relics of Saint Bernadette will tour the United States for the first time, bringing the grace of Lourdes to parishes across the country. The Relics will visit the Diocese of Metuchen, the only diocesan stop in New Jersey, from May 17-20, 2022. Details at: diometuchen.org/saintbernadette



In God's Image Support Group May 11, 2022

In God's Image, the Catholic Faith Sharing Group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM. Our next meeting is May 11 and will be both in person and online. Please email for more information. The group is open to LGBTQ adults, 18 and over, and their families. All are welcome for faith sharing, prayer, conversation and support. For more information, contact Fr John at 908 756 0633, ext. 125 or the group may be reached by contacting 908 822 5895 or by emailing: sacredheartigi@gmail.com.

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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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