

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18, 2021

Welcome to all who are here to worship with us.
Today is the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Whoever you may be, or wherever you find yourself on the
journey, please know that here at St. Matthias,
All Are Welcome.

- Enrollment is now open for St. Matthias School, Pre-K3 through 8th grades. All parents of youngsters are welcome to explore the school website and to schedule an appointment. See the contact information on the cover of the bulletin. And, if you are interested in working at the school, there are a few positions open for instructional aides, the After School Program, and substitute teaching. See the bulletin for more information.
- You won't want to miss the ServiceWorx article by our own youth, Tobey Moreno on page 9 of the bulletin. This weekend Tobey shares his reflections on a recent service project at the Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick.
- Registration is now open for the St. Matthias family religious education program, G.I.F.T., as well as for First Eucharist Prep for 2nd graders and Confirmation Prep for 7th and 8th graders. Contact Dee or Nathalie in the Parish Office or see the parish website for registration.
- Finally, join us next Saturday, July 24th at the 5:00 pm outdoor Mass (weather permitting) to wish Fr. Joe farewell in his move to Immaculate Conception Somerville. Snacks will be available after the Mass for fellowship. Please remember to bring your own lawn chair. If there is rain, we will move the Mass indoors and snacks will be served in the cafeteria.

If we are really honest with ourselves, do we listen to the WORLD'S shepherds rather than GOD'S? When we get distracted by the world's shepherds, we stray away from God's flock and cease to follow Jesus.

We become LOST sheep. In today's liturgy, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us back - first to rest, then to listen to God, and finally to be energized and revived, so that we can continue the mission to serve, care for, and build up one another.

Music for Our Assembly

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See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with a willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good. (Psalm 54)

Entrance Hymn - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say KINGSFOLD

I heard the voice of Jesus say, come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, alt. Music: trad. English melody, adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.

Responsorial Psalm -The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Communion Hymn - Shepherd Me O God

Refrain: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **Refrain**

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. **Refrain**

Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your
staff, my comfort and my hope. **Refrain**

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. **Refrain**

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore. **Refrain**

Text: Psalm 23; Marty Haugen, b.1950, © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

Closing Hymn - Alleluia! Raise the Gospel Bernadette Farrell

Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the Gospel over the earth! Alleluia! Alleluia! Peace and justice bringing to birth!
Blessed those whose hearts are gentle. Blessed those whose spirits are strong.
Blessed those who choose to bring forth right where there is wrong.
Blessed those who work for justice. Blessed those who answer the call.
Blessed those who dare to dream of lasting peace for all.

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PRAYERS FOR THE MASS

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Glory to God...

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

Glory to God...

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God...

CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Responsorial Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.**

**He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage.**

**You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

**Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.**

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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Our response will be: "In Your name, O God, we pray."

- 1. For Pope Francis and all Church leaders...Inspire them to be your good shepherds, proclaiming the gospel message to the world, and inspire us, the faithful here at St. Matthias, to open our hearts to be loving shepherds to all that we meet, we pray...**
- 2. For global, national, and civic leaders...Ignite in them the spirit of justice and service to all people, we pray...**
- 3. For those who are burdened in any way (body, mind, or spirit), especially those on our parish and school sick lists...Grant them the support they need and the healing they desire, we pray...**
- 4. For those who have died, especially Kenneth Brino, Peter Mattaliano, Steve Holland, and Robert Morgenberger...Bestow on them the eternal rest of Your heavenly kingdom, we pray...**
- 5. For the silent intentions of all of us assembled today in worship, [LONG PAUSE], we pray...**

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

**I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You,
and I believe your words,**

**"Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you."**

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.