

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 4/24/22

Happy Easter and welcome to all who are here to worship with us. Today is the 2nd Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday. Whoever you may be, or wherever you find yourself on the journey, please know that here at St. Matthias, **All Are Welcome.**

- (5:00, 8:00 and 10:00 Masses only). The Altar Rosary Society will restart the Rosary tomorrow/today after the 10:00 am Mass in-person. After tomorrow/today, the Rosary will resume once per month after the 10:00 Mass here inside the church. If you are interested but can't make it tomorrow/today, please stay tuned for subsequent dates.
- Practice your golf swing and mark your calendar for the SMS Golf Classic, Wednesday, June 8th at Royce Brook Golf Course. Proceeds will be used to support the school's commitment to education, equipment and special events. To register, see page 7 of the bulletin.
- Next weekend we will have a special collection benefitting Catholic Relief Services. Page 8 of the bulletin describes in full transparency where the funding goes from our Diocese. There is always an option to contribute directly to the specific organizations served by this collection.
- It's not too late to register for the St. Matthias Seniors Retreat - *Aging Gracefully* - on Wednesday, May 4th from 10am – 3pm at the St. Francis Center for Renewal in Bethlehem, PA. For more information on registration and car-pooling please see page 10 of the bulletin.
- The St. Matthias 60th Anniversary celebration kicks off in just a few weeks – in fact on May 14th, the actual Feast of St. Matthias. More information can be found in the bulletin on page 8.
- Oh...and did I tell you that St. Matthias Parish is having a yard sale next Saturday, April 30th? Don't miss it!!! 10 – 2 in the school rear parking lot.

Our own, Joan Best Seamon tells us today in the Pastoral Staff column of the bulletin that there is one word that says it all at Easter...Alleluia!!! And in the words of St. Augustine, "*We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song.*"

Music for Our Assembly

April 24, 2022 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, Alleluia.

Gathering Song - Alleluia Love Is Alive

People of God, see the morning is new;
rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb.
Come and see! Come and see! He is alive!

A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled.
God who was with us is here with us still.
He is here! He is here! He is alive! Alleluia!

Refrain

Love is alive; conquered the grave and defeated the night.
Your people sing alleluia!

People of God, let your fear fall away.
Your chains have been broken; abandon your shame.
Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive!

Here now is mercy embracing your soul;
here the fulfillment that once was foretold.
It is true! It is true! He is alive! Refrain

People of God now rejoicing in Christ,
carry your joy to the darkness of night.
Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive!

Hear the good news of this glorious day,
every heart singing as heaven proclaims:
He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive! Refrain

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Responsorial Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting

Communion Hymn - O Sons and Daughters Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heav'n the glorious King,
O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see, who sat, and spoke unto the three,
'Your Lord has gone to Galilee.' Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear. Amidst them came their Lord most dear,
And said, 'My peace be on all here.' Alleluia!

When Thomas, first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

'My wounded side, O Thomas, see; behold my hands, my feet,' said he,
'Not faithless, but believing be.' Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied. He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
'You are my Lord and God,' he cried. Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been.
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise,
In laud, and jubilee and praise. Alleluia!

Text: O filii et filiae; Jean Tisserand, d.1494; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Closing - Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly King,
Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save.
Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now he reigns above as King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise him, now, his might confess, Alleluia! Father Son and Spirit Blest, Alleluia!

Text: 77 77 with alleluias; verse 1, Latin, 14th cent.; para. in Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; verses 2-3, The Compleat Psalmodist, ca. 1750, alt.; verse 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Later form of melody fr. Lyra Davidica, 1

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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 world, 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 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R/ Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Let the house of Israel say,
“His mercy endures forever.”**

**Let the house of Aaron say,
“His mercy endures forever.”**

**Let those who fear the LORD say,
“His mercy endures forever.”**

**I was hard pressed and was falling,
but the LORD helped me.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.**

**The joyful shout of victory
in the tents of the just:**

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

**By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.**

**This is the day the LORD has made;
let us be glad and rejoice in it.**

R/ Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
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Our response will be: ***"Risen Lord, hear our prayer."***

- 1) For Pope Francis, all Church leaders, and this faith community of St. Matthias...Strengthen all who believe in the Risen Christ that they may be of one heart and one mind in bringing the mercy and peace of the Risen Lord to the ends of the earth, we pray...
- 2) For all governmental leaders especially those of our country...Inspire them to recognize their responsibility to serve the least of God's children and guide us away from injustice and violence, we pray...
- 3) For all those newly welcomed into the life of the Church...Unite them in heart and soul and make them a sign of God's transforming and merciful love, we pray...
- 4) For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit, especially those on our Parish and School family sick list...May they find strength, courage and healing in Jesus's merciful heart, we pray...
- 5) For all who have died, especially victims of the war in Ukraine...May they find eternal peace and love in the arms of our Merciful Loving God, we pray...
- 6) For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, (LONG PAUSE)...., we pray...

PRIEST _____(MASS INTENTION)

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.