

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

5/1/22

Happy Easter and welcome to all who are here to worship with us. Today is the 3rd Sunday of Easter. Whoever you may be, or wherever you find yourself on the journey, please know that here at St. Matthias, All Are Welcome.

- The St. Matthias 60th Anniversary celebration kicks off in just two weeks on May 14th, which is the Feast of St. Matthias. Immediately following the 5:00 Mass in celebration of the Feast of St. Matthias on the 14th, all are invited for a reception in the cafeteria. The Mass itself will be presided by Msgr. Joseph Celano. See more information on page 7 of the bulletin.
- In just one month from now, Msgr. Seamus Brennan will celebrate his golden jubilee. We will recognize him here at St. Matthias for this special day at the 5pm Mass on June 4th. His Jubilee Mass will be celebrated at 3:30 pm on Sunday June 5th at his former parish, Immaculate Conception in Somerville, followed by light refreshments in the IC school cafeteria. All are welcome.
- As of this year the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord is permanently transferred in the Diocese of Metuchen from the Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter to the following 7th Sunday of Easter. Please note that the only Mass on Thursday in the 6th week of Easter is at 8:00 a.m., May 26th.
- Attention all youth!!! Mark your calendars and make plans to attend a NJ Statewide Catholic Youth Rally taking place at Six Flags Great Adventure on Sunday, May 15th. Details on the purchase of tickets through the Diocese of Metuchen are on page 7 of the bulletin.
- Finally, don't forget to sign up for the June 8th SMS Golf Classic at Royce Brook Golf Course. See registration details in the bulletin.

Pope Francis suggests that we cultivate the same everyday familiarity and intimacy with Jesus that the disciples had as we hear in today's gospel. May the Lord teach us this intimacy, this familiarity with him, but in the Church, with and through the sacraments, and with all the faithful holy people of God.

Music for Our Assembly

May 1, 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth: O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, Alleluia.*

Gathering Song -Three Days

Three days our world was broken; the Lord of life lay dead.
“Take up your cross,” he told us who followed where he led.
Would we now hang in torment with thieves on every side,
our Passover shattered, our hope crucified?
Three days we hid in silence, in bitter fear and grief.
Three days we clung together where he had washed our feet.

Three days– and on the third day, the women came at dawn.
His tomb, they said, was empty, his broken body gone.
Who could believe their story? The dead do not arise,
yet he walks among us, and with our own eyes
We’ve seen him at this table; we’ve shared his bread and wine.
Hearts burning bright within us, we’ve seen his glory shine.

Three days our world was broken and in an instant healed,
God’s covenant of mercy in mystery revealed.
Two thousand years are one day in God’s eternal sight,
and yesterday’s sorrows are this day’s delight.
Though still Christ’s body suffers, pierced daily by the sword,
yet death has no dominion: the risen Christ is Lord!

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Responsorial Psalm 30

I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.

Communion Hymn - Lord you Have Come to the Seashore

Lord, you have come to the seashore,
neither searching for the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.

Refrain (English)

O, Lord, with your eyes set upon me, gently smiling, you have spoken
my name;
all I longed for I have found by the water, at your side, I will seek other
shores.

Lord, see my goods, my possessions;
in my boat you find no power, no wealth.
Will you accept, then, my nets and labor?

Refrain (Spanish)

Señor, me has mirado a los ojos, sonriendo has dicho mi nombre, en la arena he dejado mi barca, junto a ti buscaré otro mar.

Lord, take my hands and direct them.
Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,
returning love for the love you gave me. **Refrain (English)**

Lord, as I drift on the waters, be the resting place of my restless heart,
my life's companion, my friend and refuge. **Refrain (Spanish)**

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Closing - Resucitó/He Is Risen

Refrain

**Resucitó, resucitó, resucitó, aleluya.
Aleluya, aleluya, aleluya, resucitó.**

And death now, vanished is the fear now, banished are my tears now,
death has passed away. **Refrain**

The kingdom, praise to God, the kingdom! Raised up to the kingdom, we
shall live in love. **Refrain**

Our gladness, blissful in our gladness, this will be our gladness, that he is
alive. **Refrain**

With him then, die and live with him then, rise and sing our hymn then, sing
alleluia. **Refrain**

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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 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

R I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

**I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear
and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld;
you preserved me from among those going
down into the pit.**

**Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger lasts but a moment;
a lifetime, his good will.
At nightfall, weeping enters in,
but with the dawn, rejoicing.**

**Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me;
O LORD, be my helper.
You changed my mourning into dancing;
O LORD, my God, forever will I give you
thanks.**

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 1, 2022

Our response will be: ***"Risen Lord, hear our prayer."***

- 1) For Pope Francis and all Church leaders...Strengthen and inspire them as shepherds within the church to feed and lead their flock, including those here at St. Matthias, in seeking the reign of God, deepening our loving service, and growing in unity as God's family, we pray...
- 2) For all governmental leaders, especially those of our country...May they work for equitable distribution of resources and opportunities, to end hunger, poverty, and all societal ills resulting from greed and a desire for power, we pray...
- 3) For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit...Give them courage to persevere and to be faithful witnesses to Christ healing...and may they know that we as a faith community are with them in mind, spirit, and love, we pray...
- 4) For those newly initiated at the Easter Vigil...Let us continue as a faith community to support our brothers and sisters on their continued journey toward relationship with God, we pray...
- 5) For all who have died, especially Donald Kane and James Dolan, and for those whose lives have been lost by the war in Ukraine...That in their eternal resting place they may now see the face of 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.