

Pulpit Announcements – September 25, 2022

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome to all who are here today on this 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Whoever you are, or wherever you find yourself on the journey, know that here at St. Matthias, All Are Welcome.

- **Baby Bottle Boomerang!** That is the special campaign our Respect Life Committee is undertaking. Baby bottles will be distributed by various parish ministries at all Masses next weekend. Funds collected will be used to support four of our local pregnancy centers: First Choice Women's Resource Center in New Brunswick, Life Choices Resource Center in Metuchen, Great Expectations in Somerset, and the Pregnancy Aid Center in Raritan. Please take a bottle and fill it with coins, bills, and/or checks. Feel free to make the checks out to one of the above organizations. Please return the bottles to Mass on the weekends of October 23rd & 30th. Please read page 10 of today's bulletin for more info.
- **Like to play some Corn hole?** St. Matthias School's Second Annual Corn Hole Tournament is on Saturday, October 1st, 12 - 4 pm here in our parking lot! Open to all SMS school families, parish families, and friends!! Hot Dog Truck and ice cream truck will be on site! For more information and sign up go to the school and parish websites.
- **If you have been thinking of getting a little more out of the Bible, here's the best chance.** See the cover page of today's bulletin and please sign up for the FALL INTO FAITH small groups. A parishioner who benefited from this will be giving us a pulpit witness and invitation today.

Today's Scriptures are very challenging. Prophet Amos condemns the complacency of the rich who see only their own comfort. Through the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus Jesus is asking us: How willing are we to share our blessings with others? Are there Lazaruses in our family or community that we ignore? ... Take a minute to answer Him.

Music for Our Assembly

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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy. Daniel 3:31

Gathering Song – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. 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.
2. 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 lifegiving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
And all your 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 trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: “In your name, O God, we pray...”

1. For Pope Francis and leaders of our Church, lay and ministerial...May we as its members discover the measureless riches of Christ's poverty, and find new ways to bring the message of the Gospel to everyone we meet, we pray...
2. For all world leaders...As they leave their latest UN gathering, may they go forth with a spirit of charity and mutual support that permeates entire world cultures, and spurs civic leaders to work for the fair distribution of resources, we pray...
3. For the faith community of St. Matthias...Help us to be witnesses in our surrounding community, acting as Christ's helping hands for the needy and vulnerable around us, we pray...
4. For the sick of mind, heart, body, and spirit...Help us to actively care for them - nourishing, comforting, and sustaining them with all good things, we pray...
5. For the deceased, especially Dave Moynihan and Joseph Vassallo...Invite them into the enjoyment of eternal bliss that you promise to all the faithful, we pray...
6. For the silent intentions within our hearts..., we pray...

PRIEST _____ (MASS INTENTION)

Communion Hymn - Ubi Caritas

**Ubi caritas est vera, est vera:
Deus ibi est, Deus ibi est.**

1. The love of Christ joins us together. Let us rejoice in him, and in our love and care for all now love God in return.
2. In true communion let us gather. May all divisions cease and in their place be Christ the Lord, our risen Prince of Peace.
3. May we who gather at this table to share the bread of life become a sacrament of love, your healing touch, O Christ.
4. For those in need make us your mercy, for those oppressed, your might.
Make us, your Church, a holy sign of justice and new life.
5. May we one day behold your glory and see you face to face, rejoicing with the saints of God to sing eternal praise.

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Closing Hymn – Alleluia Raise the Gospel

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the Gospel over the earth!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Peace and justice bringing to birth!

1. Blessed those whose hearts are gentle. Blessed those whose spirits are strong.

Blessed those who choose to bring forth right where there is wrong.

2. Blessed those who work for justice. Blessed those who answer the call.

Blessed those who dare to dream of lasting peace for all.

3. Glory to the Word of Justice. Glory to the Spirit of Peace.
Glory to the God of Love whose blessings never cease.

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Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Blessed is he who keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.
The LORD loves the just;
the LORD protects strangers.

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, my soul!