

## **Pulpit Announcements**

### **The Feast of the Holy Family**

**Welcome all who are here today  
on the Feast of the Holy Family.**

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

- The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated this Friday, New Year's Eve at the 5:00 Mass, and on Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am. And the Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated on Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 8:00 and 10:00am Masses and the 12:00 noon Mass. We hope to see you at each of these Christmas celebrations.
- The lighted Christmas Trees and the outdoor Nativity will remain on display through midnight January 6<sup>th</sup>. But as quickly as we put them up, we will be ready to taking them down in two weeks time. Once again we are in need of volunteers to help take down the lights and signs from the memorial Christmas trees on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. If you are available to help, please call the parish office.
- Next Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> all are welcome to attend the Epiphany celebration with the Three Kings at the Noon Mass. The Mass will be bilingual in Spanish and English and Fr. Ron Machado, pastor of Most Holy Family in Perth Amboy will preside. Immediately after the Mass, the Franklin HS Madrigals will join us for Christmas cheer and song. We hope you will attend.
- This coming Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, St. Matthias will welcome one of Franklin's finest for Coffee with a Cop. Join the officer at 8:30 am in the school cafeteria for this event which aims to bring the community together with our local police department, one cup of coffee at a time to discuss how they can better serve us.
- Finally, St. Matthias is looking for a general maintenance worker with a black seal license. Responsibilities for the parish and school are listed on page 10 along with contact information for applications.

**And now, in spirit of Christmas, please turn to your  
neighbor on the right, the one on your left and the one  
behind you and wave a Merry Christmas hello.**

## **Music for Our Assembly**

### **Feast of the Holy Family - December 26, 2021**

*The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger. (Luke 2)*

#### **Entrance Hymn- Angels We Have heard on High**

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

#### **Refrain**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song. **Refrain**

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. **Refrain**

See him in a manger laid whom the choirs of angels praise  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. **Refrain**

*Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. from Crown of Jesus Music, II, London, 1862; tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882, and others, alt. Music: Trad. French carol.*

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Blessed are they who dwell in your house O Lord.

#### **Communion- Child of the Poor/ What Child is This Scott Soper 1**

Helpless and hungry, lowly he lies, wrapped in the chill of midwinter;  
born into poverty's embrace, new life for the world.

Who is this who lives with the lowly, sharing their sorrows, knowing  
their hunger?

This is Christ, revealed to the world in the eyes of a child, a child of  
the poor.

What child is this who laid to rest On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are  
keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Who is the stranger here in our midst, looking for shelter among us?  
Who is the outcast? Who do we see amid the poor, the children of  
God?

Who is this who lives with the lowly, sharing their sorrows, knowing  
their hunger?

This is Christ, revealed to the world in the eyes of a child, a child of  
the poor.

*Text: 87 87 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871; William C. Dix, 1837–1898. Music: Trad. English melody, 16th ce*

## **Closing Hymn - Go Tell It on the Mountain**

### **Refrain**

**Go tell it on the mountain over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.**

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **Refrain**

The shepherds feared and trembled when high above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. **Refrain**

And lo, when they had heard it, they all bowed down and prayed;  
They traveled on together to where the Babe was laid. **Refrain**

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **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. 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. 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.**

### **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 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10**

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of  
hosts!

My soul yearns and pines for the courts of  
the LORD.

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living  
God.

Happy they who dwell in your house!  
Continually they praise you.  
Happy the men whose strength you are!  
Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.

O LORD of hosts, hear our prayer;  
hearken, O God of Jacob!  
O God, behold our shield,  
and look upon the face of your anointed.

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O Lord.

**Prayers of the Faithful  
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**Feast of the Holy Family – December 26, 2021**

**Our response is: Lord of The Ages, hear our prayer.**

- 1. For the Church, this family community of Saint Matthias, and all families everywhere...May we recognize, and honor the dignity which we have been given in being called the children of God, we pray...**
- 2. For global, national, and civic leaders...That they might advocate for policies that bring us greater understanding of one another and that help us all live the Christmas values we espouse, we pray...**
- 3. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit...Bring an end to the pandemic, heal all those who have had surgery, and give strength and protection to all who are ailing, we pray...**
- 4. For those who have died, especially Marie DeFeo...Guide them by Your light into their heavenly home, we pray...**
- 5. For the silent intentions for families we hold in our hearts on this Feast of the Holy Family, we pray...**

**PRIEST \_\_\_\_\_ (MASS INTENTION)**

# Prayer of Spiritual Communion

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 now 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