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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday: 7:30 a.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30 PM, also by appointment*

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## Second Sunday of Lent March 13, 2022

*“This is my chosen Son;  
listen to him”*

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Week of March 12 -March 19, 2022

**Saturday, March 12– Lenten Weekday**

5:00 PM Buccino, Talarico & Mollinedo Family

**Sunday, March 13–Second Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM John Morsch  
 10:30 AM Bruce Blase  
 7:00 PM Michael & Robert Bair

**Monday, March 14–Lenten Weekday**

7:30 AM Sarah Iraheta

**Tuesday, March 15–Lenten Weekday**

7:30 AM Salvatore Burdo

**Wednesday, March 16–Lenten Weekday**

7:30 AM Tyler Baily

**Thursday, March 17–St. Patrick, Bishop**

7:30AM Charlie Lamb—Happy Birthday

**Friday, March 18– Lenten Weekday**

7:30 AM Georgetta Giorno

**Saturday, March 19–St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 AM Mercedes Mollindo



**Mass Book** Call or stop by the Rectory to arrange to have Mass(es) offered for a relative or friend during 2022.



Please remember in your prayers all those who have gone to their eternal rest.

Eternal Rest grant to them, O Lord.

## Ripples Across the Pond

Focusing on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

Pebbles of intentional actions that enable us to perform these works.

That make ripples of kindness, mercy, justice, peace, and charity across the pond. Person to person, wherever possible. And bring God into the conversation.

*Prepare a meal for someone who is homebound. Take it to them. Sit with them. Say grace with them. Listen to them. Say: "Pray for me and I'll pray for you."*



- March 13<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Lent
- March 14<sup>th</sup> PB&J Sandwich drop off 2-3pm –for St. John's Hospice
- March 15<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Cross—7PM
- March 15<sup>th</sup> Confessions 7:30 PM
- March 17<sup>th</sup> Happy St. Patrick's Day
- March 17<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Seniors 12:30-3PM Parish Center
- March 18<sup>th</sup> Friday Family Fun Night 6-8PM in the gym
- March 19<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Joseph
- March 19<sup>th</sup> Confessions 4-4:30 PM



**Living Light for Judith Passalacqua**



## Reflection from Bishop Barron

*The Jesus who is both divine and human is the Jesus who is evangelically compelling. If he is only divine, then he doesn't touch us; if he is only human, he can't save us. His splendor consists in the coming together of the two natures, without mixing, mingling, or confusion.*

*This same Jesus then accompanies his disciples back down the mountain and walks with them in the ordinary rhythms of their lives. This is the Christ who wants to reign as Lord of our lives in every detail. If we forget about this dimension, then Jesus becomes a distant memory, a figure from the past.*

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying.

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

## LENTEN ONE-CAN MEAL DRIVE Ash Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup>

Please join us for the annual Lenten One-Can Meal Drive. All the items here are just a few examples of the many one-can meals that you can donate to our food drive. The low sodium selections are always a healthy choice for our friends in need!

We hope to collect as many cans as possible, so that our food cupboards will be stocked throughout the cold winter months!

Thank you as always for your kindness and generosity to the many hungry people in our local area!





### **Participate in the Global Synod in March and April – Register Today!**

*Don't miss the opportunity to participate in the local synodal process. Archbishop Pérez is inviting all Catholics to attend an engagement session offered in English and Spanish throughout the archdiocese in March and April. Participants can attend any of the 26 engagement sessions held at a variety of times and locations, including nine sessions offered virtually on Zoom and 16 sessions offered in-person at parishes throughout the five-county area.*

*Registration is necessary to ensure adequate space for in-person sessions or to receive a Zoom link or webinar information via email for the virtual sessions.*

*Pope Francis invites the whole Church to participate in the preparatory process for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality. This unprecedented opportunity will facilitate discussion and reflection to help shape the Church's understanding of herself and her mission of evangelization and forming disciples.*

*For more information and to register for an engagement session, go to: <https://archphila.org/synod/>*

## **Disciple Maker Index Survey**

For those of you who are already on the parish Flocknote email distribution list, you know that you received an email at the beginning of Lent and were invited to participate in a special survey that asks you to reflect on your own spiritual growth, and this survey will also enable you to provide feedback on what efforts the parish is making to help you grow. This same survey is being done by parishioners all throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The survey will only be available from now through April 4th. Responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the St Matthias parish community as a whole.

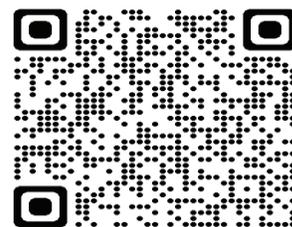
If you have not already received the survey through the Flocknote email and you would like to participate in this survey, there are a number of ways to still access the survey:

Sign up for Flocknote and we will send an email to you with the link. There are posters located around the church telling you how to sign up for Flocknote; There are separate posters around the church that specifically address this survey, and these posters have a QR code about the Synod Survey. Scan the QR code and complete the survey; Go to our parish website, SaintMatthias.org, to find the link for the survey; or go to our parish Facebook page to find the link.

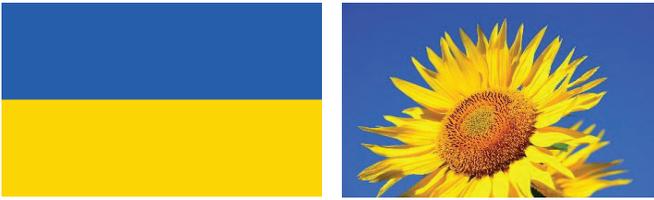
If you prefer a paper copy: please see one of the priests or Deacon Ernie after Mass and they will get you a paper copy to return back to the Parish Office. If you have any other questions, please call the parish office and someone will be happy to assist you.

Please take 10-15 minutes to complete the survey. The results will be invaluable to our parish as we seek ways to best support everyone in their discipleship journey.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



*SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE PEOPLE  
OF UKRAINE*



On the weekend of March 19th and 20th we will have a special second collection for the people of Ukraine. The monies collected from this special collection will be added to the annual Collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has stated that all of the monies collected from this year's Collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe will be donated to relief efforts for the people of Ukraine. Also, one can financially support the people of Ukraine by donating through Catholic Relief Services. To do this, please visit their website at [CRS.org](http://CRS.org). Please be as generous as possible. Thank You.

**WEEKLY DONATIONS TO  
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CHURCH**



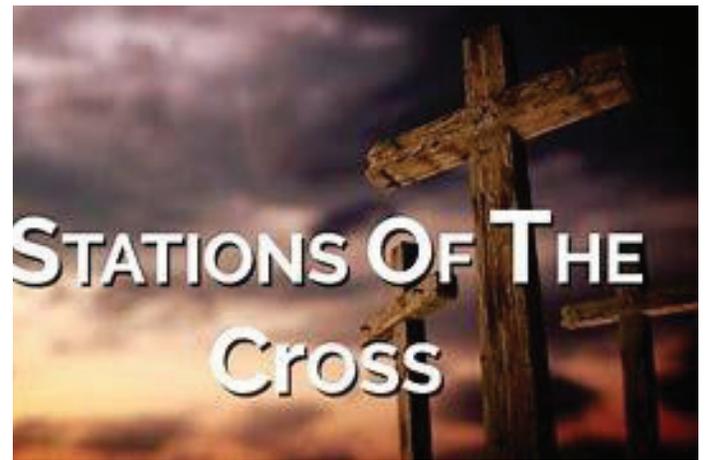
Donations for the weekend of 2/26-27 were \$ 4,386.

We thank you for your continued support to St.

Matthias Parish so we can continue the good work that God has begun in us.

***SPECIAL COLLECTIONS***

- 3/13-14 Latin America*
- 3/19-02 Catholic Education*
- 3/19-20 People of Ukraine*
- 3/26-27 Rice Bowl*
- 4/2-3 Easter Flowers*
- 4/9-10 Lenten Sacrifice for St. Matthias Parish*
- 4/15 Holy Land Sanctuary*
- 4/23-24 Catholic Education*



The Stations of the Cross are a popular Catholic devotion that you will find in Catholic churches around the world. They are comprised of 14 events that happened to Jesus from his arrest to his sacred body being placed in the tomb. In the past, this practice has also been known as "Via Crucis," or "Way of the Cross".

During Lent, we will offer the Stations of the Cross each Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM in the Church. Immediately following Stations, Confessions will be heard in the confessional.

**VOCATION CAMP 2022**

Calling all young men in 6th, 7th and 8th grade! Join the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood and Philadelphia Seminarians on Saturday, April 9, 2022! With the theme, To the Heights, spend the day at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary with great activities, games, prayer, and the opportunity for confession. A registration fee of \$25 includes a t-shirt and lunch/snacks. The registration deadline is March 25, 2022. For more information or to register please call 610-667-5778 or go to: [HeedTheCall.org/BBVC](http://HeedTheCall.org/BBVC)



## Parish Lenten Supper—Friday April 8, 2022

Please join us for our Annual Parish Lenten Supper on Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>. Stations of the Cross in Church will begin at 6:30 PM. Following immediately in the Parish Center join us for a simple Lenten supper of meatless soup and bread prepared by our parishioners. This night of prayer and fellowship promises to provide a good way to prepare for the beauty of Holy Week. A free will offering will be collected and given to St. John’s Hospice for meals.

Please RSVP by Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> by completing the form below and returning it in the collection basket or call Marge Kiefski at 215-913-4482 or [mmkiefski@aol.com](mailto:mmkiefski@aol.com) If you wish to volunteer by making soup, setting up or cleaning up please contact the staff at the Parish Center. Thank you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring a meatless soup: \_\_\_\_\_ YES Soup: \_\_\_\_\_

I will volunteer to help Set-up \_\_\_\_\_ I will help with clean-up \_\_\_\_\_



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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need VOLUNTEERS to help the Easter Bunny hide eggs and help the children find them. If you are a teenager and can help ask one of your parents to call Peggy Haley at 610-664-0207 or email her.

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