
SAINT MATTHIAS PARISH

BALA CYNWYD + PENNSYLVANIA



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 7:00 PM

Monday – Friday: 7:30 AM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM, also by appointment

Parish Center: 108 N.Highland Ave, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 Mailing Address: 128 Bryn Mawr Ave, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Thursday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Friday: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 01, 2023



Week of September 30-October 7,
2023

Saturday, September 30th
St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the
Church

5:00 PM Connell Family

Sunday, October 1st
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

8:30 AM Ed Kiefski
10:30 AM Rita Juliano
7:00 PM St. Matthias Parishioners

Monday, October 2nd
The Holy Guardian Angels

7:30 AM Buccino Talarico &
Mollinedo Family

Tuesday, October 3rd
Weekday

7:30 AM

Wednesday, October 4th
St. Francis of Assisi

7:30AM

Thursday, October 5th
Weekday

7:30 AM

Friday, October 6th
Weekday

7:30 AM Donna Richardson

Saturday, October 7th
Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 AM John J. Hughes

My Friends in Christ:

Forty Hours Devotions

Since the 1860's when St. John Neuman was the Bishop of Philadelphia, Parishes in the Archdiocese have celebrated the Forty Hours Devotions at different times throughout the year. Our Parish Forty Hours Devotions, October 15-17th after the 10:30 Mass through Tuesday night, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Eucharist adoration each day until 7:00 Pm. On Monday and Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM we will gather for Evening Prayer and a reflection by Fr. Jim De Grassa, who is an excellent preacher. We will end our Forty Hours Devotions with a Eucharist procession. Our choir will be with us on Monday and Tuesday night.

Fr. Jim DeGrassa grew up in Delaware County. His home parish is St. Madeline. He has been a priest for over 13 years. Fr. Jim has had his ministry in various parishes throughout the Archdiocese—Our Lady of Grace (Langhorne, St. Denis (Havertown), Sts. Simon & Jude (West Chester), St. Cornelius (Chadds Ford) and currently he is the pastor for the last 7 years at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish in Northeast Philadelphia.

Fr. Jim finds joy in many areas of life-being with his family & friends, trips down the shore, traveling, cooking-but his greatest joy is in his priesthood. Fr. Jim feels absolutely blessed to share the Gospel of Jesus with anyone and everyone he encounters. Helping others to fall in love with the God who IS LOVE -has been Fr. Jim's mission in life. He is thrilled to be with us and to give us our 40 Hours reflection.



PASTORAL COUNCIL

NOMINATIONS

Our Parish Pastoral Council is looking for leaders who are committed to our parish and our community. As a registered parishioner, you are invited to nominate yourself or another parishioner to serve a three year term on the Parish Pastoral Council.

Eligible nominees must meet the following criteria:

-Roman Catholic

-18 years of older

-Registered and active member of the Parish

-Not employed as a parish staff member

Please complete the information below on the Nomination Form and place it in the collection basket or in the box at the entrance to the church or drop it off at the parish center. All nominations must be submitted by Sunday October 15th.

Nominees will be contacted to determine if they wish to enter the voting process for Pastoral Council. If they are eligible and interested in being placed on the ballot, each individual will submit a picture and brief biography to be shared with the parishioners. Voting for new members to Pastoral Council will take place the weekend of October 21-22, 2023.

We ask you to prayerfully consider the person or persons you chose to nominate as this is a important commitment to the parish.

Name of Nominee: _____

Telephone Number: _____ (if known) E-mail: _____ (if known)

I make this nomination for the following reasons:

Submitted by: _____

Office of the ARCHBISHOP

September 7, 2023

Dear Monsignor Beach,

We've entered the second half of the 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) year. With God's grace and through the generosity of so many in our local Churches, we hope to meet our goal of raising 12.5 million. These funds will allow us to bring hope to hundreds of thousands of people in need throughout the region.

This year, donations to the CCA have been significantly impacted due to rising costs and surging economic inflation. Each day, Catholic Charities Appeal beneficiaries work tirelessly to provide emergency shelter for the homeless, counsel and support for individuals struggling with addiction, food and nutrition assistance for hungry families, job training, employment support, and much more.

To date, Saint Matthias Parish has raised 29% of its goal of \$50,536 for the 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal. I'm deeply grateful for this generous support from your parishioners. Reaching parish goals is more vital than ever right now. Your help is needed to ensure that essential ministries of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia can continue to serve our community.

Together, one family in Christ, we can make a difference in the lives of those in need. Please be assured of my ongoing thanks for you priestly service and your care for all those who rely on you, as well as a remembrance in my prayers.

Faternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.



"The Gift of Finest Wheat: This is My Body Given Up for You"

Although the in-person event is sold out, you can participate virtually in the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress by registering below to access the livestream. The day begins with Holy Mass at 9:00 AM celebrated by Archbishop Pérez and concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 PM. Livestreamed talks by compelling speakers include Most Rev. Michael Burbidge; Mrs. Antonia Acutis (Mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis); Dr. Edward Sri; Sr. Jane Dominic Laurel, OP; Rev. G. Dennis Gill. Full details about the Eucharistic Congress are available at phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress; **Location:** Livestream to your preferred device **More info:** Cost for virtual participation is \$20 per household. Please note: only the events/talks for the Adult English Track will be live-streamed. Click here to register for VIRTUAL participation: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=U7s42v> **Questions?** Email revival@archphila.org



Thank you for your generous Stewardship to Saint Matthias Parish! Your donations allow us to sustain our parish and continue our good works.

Weekend of 9/16-17/2023

Envelopes.....\$	3,250.00
E-Giving\$	2,412.00
Loose cash\$	1,074.00
Mail-In.....\$	985.00
Total\$	7,721.00

A very special thank you to those Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who generously volunteered to bring Eucharist to those who are unable to join us at Church.



10/01 Blessings of the animals 12-12:30 Rectory lawn

10/02 Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich drop-off
2-3 PM—Parish Center

10/04 Eucharistic Adoration—8:00 AM-6:45 PM

Benediction

10/04 Knitting, Crocheting, etc.—12:30-2:30 PM Parish Center

10/05 Senior Bingo-12:30-3:00 PM—Parish Center

We are collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly at the doors of the Church—please drop off your donations.

Please remember in your prayers:

Charles Daniel	Louise Vesci
Teresa Kocudac	Juanita Harmon
Helen Calafut	Abby Daley
Gerald Tran	Lawrence Knight
Bob Knecht	Marie Hanlon
Marge Kiefski	George McNeal
Michael Cajigas-Loyola	John Bauer
Ektor Scamaroni-Loyola	John Gentile
Eloise Bauer	Joe & Dolores Del Gross
Thomas Bariglio	Frank Campanale

You are invited to submit the names of loved ones who are in need of prayers. Please contact Eileen Keenan at the Parish Center or secretarymatthias@outlook.com

Living Lights

Living Light Candles:



Living Lights burn on the left wall of the Sanctuary for the intentions of our parishioners. If you would like to request a candle burn for a loved one or special intention call the Parish Center 610-664-0207. The donation for *Living Lights* is \$10.



Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 following the 7:30 AM morning Mass with

Our Faithfully Departed

Please join us in praying for the happy repose of the souls of all our faithfully departed parishioners especially Richard Breen.

2023 Mass Intention Book

The Mass Intention Book for 2024 will open on Monday September 18th. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a deceased family member, friend or special intention, please stop by the Parish Center and we will be happy to assist you. Remember Mass can be offered for those who have passed as well as for the living who are in need of God's grace.



Make some Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwiches for those who are homeless in Center City. MAKE MORE SANDWICHES.

This is a meaningful thing to do to share your kindness with those in need.



Ministry to the sick

If you are unable to come to join us at Church for Mass, or you know someone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home please call the Parish Center and speak with one of the staff. We have Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who are most willing to come to your home and bring you Communion and visit with you.

If you would like to have a priest visit with you and receive the sacrament of reconciliation or anointing of the sick, call the parish center and we will make arrangements for a priest to visit with you. Call 610-664-0207/email secretarymatthias@outlook.com

"I was
sick and
you visited
me . . ."
—Matthew 25:36

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