

SAINT MATTHIAS PARISH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM **Sunday:** 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 7:00 PM

Monday – Friday: 7:30 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

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2024



Week of Jan. 6-13, 2024

Saturday, January 6

Christmas Weekday

5:00 PM All Parishioners

Sunday, January 7

Epiphany

8:30 AM John Austin Diamond
10:30 AM Otto Caalcante
7:00 PM

Monday, January 8

The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 AM Rev. Msgr. Thomas B. Falls

Tuesday, January 9

Weekday

7:30 AM Scott Focht

Wednesday, January 10

Weekday

7:30AM Margaret Lavzelle

Thursday, January 11

Weekday

7:30AM Alice Streibig

Friday, January 12

Weekday

7:30 AM Dr. Luis Blasco

Saturday, January 13

Weekday

8:00 AM

TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE

Friday, January 19, 2024

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest... TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE. We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected.

Even with the wonderful blessing of *Roe v. Wade* being overturned, which allows more freedom at the state level to enact pro-life laws, the necessary work to build a culture of life in the United States of America is not finished. Rather, it is focused differently. Sadly, the number of abortions annually is still well over 900,000 each year, and that number is expected to decrease only by roughly 200,000 each year in a post-*Roe* America. Many national legislative battles loom, including even keeping longstanding Hyde protections, which limit government funding for abortion on annual appropriation bills. The Hyde Amendment has saved over 2 million lives and is arguably the most impactful pro-life policy in our nation's history, but now cannot be taken for granted. Last, our most important work is changing hearts and minds. The goal of the national March for Life is to not only change laws at the state and federal level, but to change the culture to ultimately make abortion unthinkable.

With the role of the states being more important, we are also growing a strong state march for life initiative quickly, however, we will continue to march every January at the



ANNUAL BLESSING OF FAMILIES IN THEIR HOMES: THE EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING

The head of the house {Leader} begins with all present in one of the main rooms of the house:

Leader: "We begin as we do with all things in our Catholic faith:" [All bless themselves]

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Leader: "Let us now listen to the word of God:" Matt 7:24-28 A house built on rock:

Jesus said to his disciples: "*Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock*" ...When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished at his teaching."

Leader: "Let us bring our prayers and praise together in these words Our Lord Jesus taught us:"

{All recite the 'OUR FATHER' together}

The Prayer of Blessing

Leader: "Lord, be close to us your servants who dwell in this home today [or 'move into this house' if they have just moved into the house] and who ask for your blessing. Be our shelter when we are home, our companion when we are away, and our welcome guest when we return. And at last, receive us into the dwelling place you have prepared for us in your Father's house, where you live for ever and ever. Amen"

Sprinkling with Holy Water

[With a holy water sprinkler or bottle, or with your hands, sprinkle the house in four directions:

north, south, east, west in the Sign of the Cross, and say]:

Leader: + Let this water call to mind our baptism into Christ, who has redeemed us by his death and resurrection. Amen. + May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts and may the word of Christ in all its richness dwell in us, so that whatever we do in word and in work, we will do in the name of the Lord. Amen.

{All bless themselves}: And may Almighty God bless us, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Marking of the Home

With a piece of chalk or charcoal, or a dark crayon, mark the upper edge of the lintel of the front door, or the outer edge of the door front or even on the door frame, the steps, sidewalk, or front wall,
in the manner shown below, saying these words, pausing appropriately:

+ 20 + C [CHRISTUS] + M [MANSIONEM] + B [BENEDICAT] + 24 +

Leader: "Christ Bless this Home."

Leader: "Go in Peace" **ALL:** "Thanks be to God" {All bless themselves}

+20 + C + M + B + 24+

The numbers must match the year in which the blessing is given

The letters 'C,' 'M,' and 'B' represent 'Casper' {or, Gaspari or Kaspar depending on the linguistic culture of the family}, 'Melchior' and 'Balthasar,' the Three Magi, as this blessing can take place on Epiphany

The letters CMB also stand for the Latin: "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," or "Christ Bless this House."
ST. MATTHIAS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.2024.



Baby Clothing Collection:

We are collecting baby clothing from today, December 24, 2023 through January 30th, 2024. This collection will benefit the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia. The Pro-Life Union affirms the sanctity of Life through leadership, service to those making the choice for Life, and witness to a culture of Love.

The Pro-Life Union will send the gifts of baby items to the charity or charities which will most benefit from the donations. There are several mother-and-baby in need charities under their umbrella in the Philadelphia area, including Mothers' Home in Darby to whom we donated in the past.

Please drop off your unwrapped donations in front of Saint Joseph's Altar.

Thank you for your kindness and for your readiness to help those in need.

God bless you!

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MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Monday, January 15, 2024

Hours: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Meet @ the Parish Center

**Call 610-664-0207 or email
ekeenan@saintmatthias.org**

Please let us know you are joining us so we have a job ready for you.

Snacks & water will be provided.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO COME AND VOLUNTEER



Please remember in your prayers:

Charles Daniel	Louise Vesci
Eloise Bauer	Marie Hanlon
Abby Daley	Bob Knecht
Teresa Kocudac	John Bauer
Helen Calafut	John Gentile
Gerald Tran	Lawrence Knight
George McNeal	Beatrice Cirillo
Donna Richardson	Juanita Harmon
Frank Campanale	Helen Calhoun
People of Israel	Drew Conte
Michael Cajigas-Loyola	
Ektor Scamaroni-Loyola	
Joe & Dolores Del Gross	

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



1/7 PREP

1/8 PB&J Sandwich Drop-off

**1/10 Knitting, etc. 12:30-2:30—
Parish Center**

**1/11 Senior Bingo 12:30-3:00 —
Parish Center**

1/14 PREP is opened

**1/15 MLK Volunteer Day—9:00-
12:00 PM—Parish Center**

2/24 International Night

Living Lights Burn for

Two Special Intentions

One in Thanksgiving Received

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



Eucharistic Adoration will be held be held on Wednesday, January 10 2024 following the 7:30 Mass with Benediction at 6:45 PM



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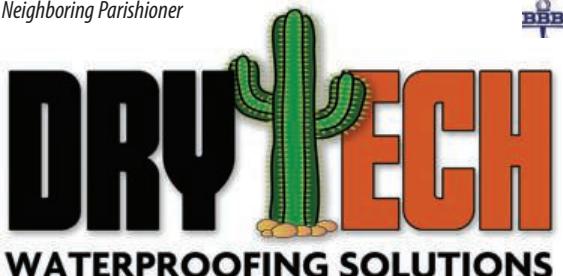
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