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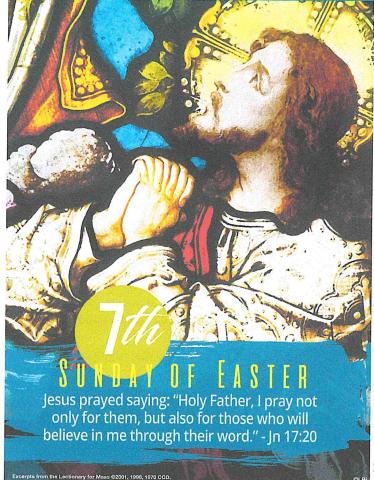
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May 29, 2022



Welcome New Parishioners!

Please see the Welcome Table in the Narthex (lobby) for registration info or contact Melinda Cannady at: mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com. Visit our website: www.saintmatthewsparish.com for parish news and events. Instagram: @stmatthewstatesboro. Facebook: St. Matthew Catholic Church and Newman Center.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday: 5 pm (Spanish) Sunday: 8 am and 10:30 am. **DAILY MASS:** M, T, Th, F at 12:10 pm; W at 5:30 pm.

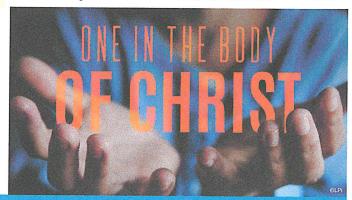
CONFESSIONS:

Wed: 5-5:25 pm, Sat: 4-5 pm, or by appointment.

Our human minds have a grave difficulty seeing unity without conformity. We think that unless everyone believes the same thing, assents to the same body of truths, styles, and opinions, unity is not possible. In today's Gospel, Jesus expresses a tenderness and an intimacy that the disciples actually can witness. This same tenderness and love are also reflected in His desire for unity and oneness. Jesus passionately wants all to be one.

Our Church is extremely divided. Many of these divisions seem to center on our individual ideas of what is the best style and manner in which to practice our faith, not about the TRUTH of the Gospel. We allow these particular concerns and interpretations, valid as many can be, to drive wedges between us and put us at odds with each other. They enrage us and cause us to lash out at other members of the Body of Christ. Differences are bound to exist in any group. We are unique and diverse people. Staunchly clinging to particular agendas and ideologies while waving the "we're right, you're wrong" banner as we forge ahead in battle does little to advance the real mission of Christ. We are perceived as weak, fractioned, self-focused and self-serving, and lacking empathy and love. How can the work of salvation be accomplished like this? We sacrifice our credibility when we sacrifice human dignity in the mistaken belief that the end justifies the means. If we love our fellow parishioners, we must consider our part in helping each other sustain and grow in

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." These words describe exactly who the glorified Christ really is. Jesus wants us to see this glory! Believe this! This is the unifying principle that draws the Body of Christ together as one, not our particular preferences of worship! We give too much power to our preferences, and all too easily forget that the real mission of Christ is much more than that! If we can work at truly loving each other as members of Christ's Body despite the differences that can so quickly divide us, then maybe we'll a bit more convincing to those who do not believe. The Risen Christ comes to us through the Eucharist. It doesn't matter where or how. Gather wherever you can and receive. We cannot substitute Jesus' passion with our own. We are one.



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Please contact your parish representatives with questions, concerns, compliments, or ideas!

Parish Council

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Pray for our Sick



Names will be kept on the list for four weeks unless the office is notified otherwise. Please pray for: Jim Agnew, Terri Beasly, Bill Bolen, Doug Bradley, Drew Brandon, Margaret Brewer, Claire Burton, Orlena Bussie, Dolores Collins, Karl Collins, Jane Corbett, Rob Dannacher, Marguerite DeFoe, Judy Cowning, Fred Denson, Dorothy Downs, Karen Dwyer, Chris Eaton, Candace Floyd,

Dolores Gantt, Joe & Cassie Gay, David Greene, Toni Haffev, Kate Hall, Nola Hammond, Bob Haranda, Jordan Hathaway, Lue Healy, Emory Holloway, Kelly Howard, Mary Harrington, Jon Hart, Jim Howenstine, Pat Jackson, Mattie James, Miranda Johnson, Peggy Kearns, Greyson Kennedy, Bonnie Knight, Cecilia Krause, Priscilla Lemieux, Marq Lett, Mellie London, Selah March, Sarah Mathis, Hugh and Linda McClendon, Bobby Mee, Makala Mitchler, Ginger Morris, Janet O'Brien, Cathy Orr, Bob Overlander, Brooks Padgett, Sandie Perrin, Rick and Kathy Poole, Dave Reichard, Margie Rouse, Audrey Senecal Sidway, April Shuman, Dot Sink, Shirley Smith, Carol Sowell, Steve Steinman, Katherine Strickland, Carolyn Strozzo, Joe Subarton, Joe Sutter, Sullivan family, Patsy Tempio, Jo Ellen Tolliver, Connie Tousley, Shirley Wilson, Brian Wolnewitz, Morgan Wurst, Wurst Family, Jennifer Wynn, and their caregivers.

Abuse Hotline Nur a Diocese of Savanna hotline number, 888-5. Children and Young Rolling number, 888-5.

Communion Ministry to the Sick/Homebound

If someone needs to be added to the list for Communion Ministry to the Sick/Homebound, please contact Melinda Cannady at 912-681-6726.

For those in the Military

Trevor Alderman, Alax Baysinger, Audrey Brenden, Cole Carter, Christopher Doty, Ryan Erikson, Jose Irizarry, David Liddell, Sean Limbach, Anthony Mullen, Lexi Murry, Brandon Luke Revenue, Lance Rewis, Matthew Robbins, Cody Stevens, Brian Sullivan, Sean Sullivan, Kevin Tyler, and James Ziegler.

Volunteer Parish Nurse

Mary Anderson is a retired registered nurse who shares her knowledge of the local medical community and resources with parishioners that seek or need a medical advocate for themselves or their loved ones. She also conducts blood pressure checks on Hospitality Sundays. She can be reached at 912-682-1147.

STAFF DIRECTORY

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The St. Matthew Consolation Ministry

Our Purpose: To console those in grief, to support Masses for the deceased through the ministry's designated contributions, to pray for and with those who have suffered loss, and to pray the Rosary for comfort and healing.

Our Mandate: "Bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2)

Contact: Melinda Cannady at 912-681-6726 or mcannady@saintmatthewparish.com.

Weekly Collection

May 22, 2022	\$8,837.91
Online Giving	\$2,657.00
Total	\$11,494.41

Thank you for supporting our parish!

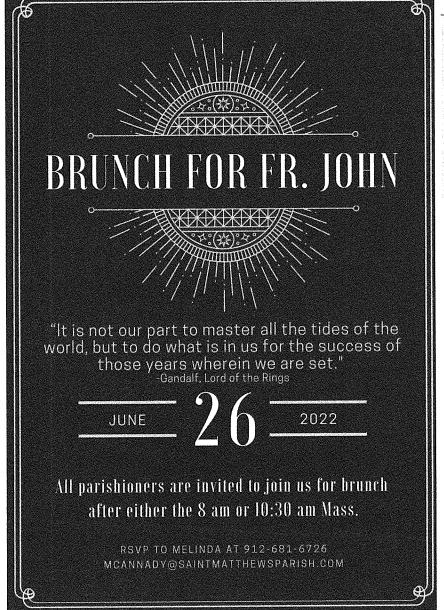
Abuse Hotline Number: To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number, 888-357-5330, or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to www.diosav.org/childvouthprotection.

This Week at St. Matthew

Date:	Activities:	
May 29 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream)	+Timmy Jennings +Steve Strozzo
May 30 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	
May 31 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	
June 1 Wed.	4:30 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass	
June 2 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 am Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	
June 3 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
June 5 Sat.	4 pm Confessions 5 pm Spanish Mass	



The parish office will be closed Monday, May 30.



VBS: JUNE 20-24, 2022 9 AM UNTIL NOON



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Blood Drive Thanks!

Thank you to the volunteers and donors who made our May 20 Blood Drive a success. 21 donations were collected and will be used to save lives!



Melinda will be on vacation the week of May 30-June 5, 2022. Please call ahead if you plan to stop by to be sure someone is in the office.



Our condolences are offered to parishioner JoAnne Strozzo and family at the loss of her son,

+Stephen "Steve" Strozzo, who passed away last week and to parishioner Joe Jennings who recently lost his brother, +Timmy Jennings. May they rest forever in the peace of Heaven with Jesus.