

May 6, 2015

St. Matthias Catholic Church
Rev. Francisco Restrepo, Pastor
St. Matthias Finance Council
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First of all, I wish to thank Father Francisco for taking the time to meet with me this week. It was a pleasure to meet you and to tour your beautiful Church and facility.

As I stated to you, St. Sharbel Catholic Church is moving out of our current location in Warren on May 31, 2015. We will be building a new church over the next 12 to 18 months in Clinton Township. During this time, we will celebrate our weekend Masses at Bemis Junior High School across the street from your location. Our Religious Education Classes will also be held there on Sundays. Our temporary Church Office will be near 19 Mile Road and Garfield.

As we discussed, we are seeking to hold special liturgical celebrations at St. Matthias Church. These would include Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms. They would be arranged on an as needed basis and scheduled around the availability of your Church and Mass times.

We also discussed our Fridays of Lent Stations of the Cross and Liturgy; Ash Monday Masses on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 9:30 AM and 12 pm noon [chapel] and 7 PM [church]; all Fridays [including Good Friday] of Lent Mass at 6:30 PM and Stations and Benediction of the Cross at 7 PM [church]; Christmas Novena prayed in the chapel December 15-23, 2015 except Saturday and Sundays; Christmas Eve Midnight Mass; possible other Christmas Eve Mass times; Easter 2016 Midnight Mass [church]; First Holy Communion Mass on the first Saturday of May, 2016 at 11 AM; and daily liturgies being held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:30 am; Holy Days of Obligation Mass at 7 PM [chapel]; being held at St. Matthias. Your parishioners would be welcome to attend any of these services.

I wish to offer all stipends from Sacramental Celebrations to St. Matthias Church. We are very eager to be of service to you in any way that we can and look forward to working together as neighbors in the community with a common Mission.

I thank you ahead of time for your assistance in our time of need. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Chorbishop Alfred Badawi
Pastor