

# The Parish Community of St. Matthew the Apostle

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**“Be the living expression of God’s kindness and mercy.”**

## First Sunday in Lent - March 10, 2019



### A WELCOME AND A FAREWELL

We welcome Mrs. Alice Fogarty as our new Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL). A PCL is a dedicated leader commissioned to assist the pastor in teaching the faith to children and adults in the parish. This work is most often carried out through the Religious Education Program, assisting the parents in passing on the faith to the next generation, preparing them for their sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The PCL also coordinates the wonderful team of volunteers in this mission, and assists the leaders in our RCIA and Adult Confirmation programs. The PCL also coordinates our annual Vacation Bible School and is co-coordinator for child protection.

Donna Hamer has served as our PCL here at St. Matthew the Apostle for over eight years. She served selflessly, passionately, and with a great love for all that she did to assist the children and adults in the faith. Donna is extremely knowledgeable in both the faith and education, having been a teacher for decades. We are sad to say that Donna has decided to retire from the position, but will remain as a volunteer to assist in many different ways here at St. Matthew’s. We congratulate Donna on her retirement and thank her for her continued devotion to our church.

Many families may already know Alice as she has served as a Religious Education catechist for 14 years here at St. Matthews. Alice has taught at the first-grade level preparing the children for First Penance and First Communion, as well as fourth through sixth grades and eighth grade where she prepared the children for Confirmation. Along with these achievements, she has been deeply involved with the RCIA program for children. We are extremely happy to announce that Alice has accepted the position of PCL and is already actively working in this position (pictured above), continuing to impart her own personal knowledge and devotion to this ministry.

### Parish Phone Numbers

Church.....732-985-5063  
Fax.....732-985-9104  
School.....732-985-6633  
School Fax.....732-985-7748  
Office of Religious Formation.....732-985-5063

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:30 AM-4:30 PM  
Wednesday evening: 4:30 PM-8:00 PM  
The priests are available by appointment through the Parish Office.

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM  
2nd Saturday: 7:00 PM (Tagalog)  
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 & 1:30 PM (Spanish)  
2nd Sunday: 3:30 PM (Kiswahili)  
Monday-Saturday: 8:30 AM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon & after the 5:00 PM Mass or by appointment with one of the priests.

### Mission Statement

St. Matthew the Apostle Church is a diverse Roman Catholic community empowered by the Spirit of God, formed by His Word, and nourished by the Eucharist. We are called to bear witness to the Gospel through stewardship, hospitality, and service.

### Parish Membership

Membership in our parish is open to all Catholics who reside within our borders as well as others who wish to worship with us and support our mission. All adult Catholics should officially register as members of the parish in which they reside. Registration is a condition for admission to our Religious Formation program and reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Penance, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage. Being registered for at least one month as an active parishioner is required before we can testify to your eligibility to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Please call the Parish Office (732-985-5063) for an appointment to register. Young adults over the age of 21 should register independently of their parents. Please notify the Parish Office of any changes in name, address, marital status or if you are leaving the Parish.

**GODPARENT / CONFIRMATION SPONSOR**

**LETTERS** Church law mandates that a sponsor for baptism and confirmation be an active Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the church, is in a valid Catholic marriage, and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. We can only write letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria. Mass attendance is normally confirmed by envelope use. If you don't use envelopes, the office will provide a form that you need to have signed by a parish priest for several consecutive weeks before a sponsorship letter can be written. Call the office for more information.

**PRE-BAPTISM** A mandatory Pre-Baptism instruction class is scheduled on the second Sunday of every month at 10:30 AM in the Faculty Room of the school. Please call the parish office at 732-985-5063 to register.

**BAPTISM** Baptism is normally celebrated on the first and second Saturday of each month at 12:15 PM. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent. To arrange for Baptisms please call the parish office at 732-985-5063.

**RELIGIOUS FORMATION (CCD)** If you are new to the parish and wish to enroll your child in the Religious Formation Program, please call the Office of Religious Formation at 732-985-5063. Office hours: Monday - Friday, 1:30 - 4:30 PM.

**RCIA** Adults wishing to become Roman Catholic or receive First Eucharist and/or Confirmation should contact the Parish Office for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

**MARRIAGE** Marriage arrangements should be made one year in advance and prior to any social plans. Contact the Parish Office for all pre-marriage information.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK or HOMEBOUND** Our Priests, Deacons and Eucharistic Ministers visit and bring Communion to homebound parishioners or those in JFK Hartwyck at Edison Estates nursing home. Contact the Parish Office to arrange such visits. To contact a priest in a genuine emergency involving the sick or dying, call the rectory office. After business hours dial the parish emergency line at 732-735-9570.

**ST. MATTHEW PRAYER CHAIN** Call Tom or Pat Krosnowski at 609-586-2320 with your request or email it to tekpak59@yahoo.com & it will be sent to a group of people who will pray immediately. All requests will be confidential and will remain on the prayer list until you ask for them to be removed.

**MASS INTENTIONS** Contact the Parish Office to schedule a Mass for our beloved deceased.

**MUSIC MINISTRY** For information regarding our Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Middle Choir, Youth Choir or Hand Bell Choir, contact the Parish Office at 732-985-5063.

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS/MINISTRIES**

**Parish Pastoral Council:**

Marge Hermitt 732-985-5063

**Choirs/Music Ministry:**

David Jules 732-985-5063

**Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors/Ushers:**

Fr. Alphonsus 732-985-5063

**Religious Formation:**

Alice Fogarty 732-985-5063

**St. Matthew's School:**

Mrs. Joyce Schaefer 732-985-6633

**HSA:** Carla Elfeld 646-541-1172

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):**

Donna Hamer 732-985-5063

**High School Youth Group:** Diane Kohlbecker

732-742-4613

**Rosary Altar Society/Social Ministry Group:**

Marie Reybert 732-287-2373

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:**

Mike Rohal 862-621-5327

**Philippine-Amer. Assoc.:**

Jose Lagdameo 732-742-1854

**School Advisory Council:**

Trish Wechter 908-510-3168

**Fathers' Club:**

Jose Ortiz 917-396-2492

**Knights of Columbus:**

John Quinn 732-572-6652

**Legion of Mary:**

Joan Gage 732-985-1888

**Athletics:**

Randy Encarnacion 201-344-2281

**Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group:**

Laura Bazares 732-718-7146

**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK** parish community of st.matthew the apostle roman catholic church **AND** st-matthew edison

**STEWARDSHIP** God invites all people to be good stewards of the gifts and talents he has entrusted to us. All parishioners are urged to give a weekly pre-planned generous contribution based on a percent-age of their income. Please use the church envelope system.

**HOLY ORDERS** If you are interested in learning more about the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, contact Father George at the Parish Office (732-985-5063).

**SCRIP OFFICE** Peggy Oliveira (848-702-4091) Monday-Friday 7:40 - 8:15 (On school days only); Wednesday Evenings at the rectory 4:30 - 8:00 PM

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA** Saturday Morning after 8:30 AM Mass.



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## MASSSES for the WEEK

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### SUNDAY, March 10, 2019

#### First Sunday of Lent

Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to  
Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending; Daylight Saving

#### Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday

- 7:30 AM +Maria Afflerbach r/o Smolko Family  
9:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:30 AM +Patrick Murphy r/o Alice Donahoe  
12:00 PM +Bernard Salvatore r/o Children  
1:30 PM +Elizabeth Lopez r/o Hilda Lopez  
(Spanish)  
3:30 PM People of the Parish  
(Kiswahili)

### MONDAY - March 11, 2019

#### Julian Calendar Lent begins

- 8:30 AM +Anthony DeStefano r/o Wife and Family

### TUESDAY, March 12, 2019

- 8:30 AM +Guadalupe H. Calilap r/o Alvin and Fedelize  
Micabalo and Family

### WEDNESDAY, March 13, 2019

- 8:30 AM +Joyce Anzella r/o Ana Alvarez and Anthony  
Anzella

### THURSDAY, March 14, 2019

- 8:30 AM +Ann, Patrick, and Patsy Sheerin r/o Nancy  
Skelly

### FRIDAY, March 15, 2019

#### Abstinence

- 8:30 AM + Ismael Angel and Simona DeAngel r/o  
Children  
12:15 PM Stations of the Cross  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
7:45 PM Spanish Stations of the Cross

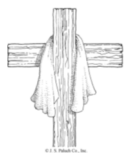
### SATURDAY March 16, 2019

- 8:30 AM +Francis Xavier Dang r/o Nguyen Family  
5:00 PM +Patricia Sheerin r/o Monica Foulkes

### SUNDAY, March 16, 2019

#### Second Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 AM +Pat Murphy r/o Meidhof Family  
9:00 AM +John Lithgow and deceased members of the  
Lithgow Family r/o Ernie and Barbara Rich  
and Family  
10:30 AM +Patrick Murphy r/o Prego Family  
12:00 PM Matthew Szajdecki r/o Adolf Szajdecki  
1:30 PM +People of the Parish  
(Spanish)



### First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019

*The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart.*

— Romans 10:8

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, March 10, 2019

- 2nd Grade Family Catechesis 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (PC)  
Girl Scout Sunday Mass 10:30 AM  
Girl Scout Event 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (Cafeteria)  
Athletics - 1:15-6:00 PM (Gym)

### Monday, March 11, 2019

- Adult Bells 8-9:30 PM (MR)  
Childrens Choir 4-5:00 PM (MR)  
Taizé Prayer 7:00 PM (CH)  
Athletics 5:30-9:00 PM (Gym)  
St. Matthew School Security Workshop - 6:30 PM (Cafeteria)

### Tuesday, March 12, 2019

- Religious Formation 4:15-5:30 PM (SC) and  
7:00-8:15 PM (SC)  
Scouts Committee Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM (CR)  
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00 PM (FR)  
Athletics 5:30-9:00 PM (Gym)

### Wednesday, March 13, 2019

- Religious Formation 4:30-5:45 PM (SC)  
Athletics 5:30-9:00 PM (Gym)  
Legion of Mary 7:00 PM (Cntg. Rm.)  
HSA Meeting 7:00 PM (CR)

### Thursday, March 14, 2019

- Youth Choir/Bells 5:45-7:15 PM (MR)  
Adult Choir 8-9:30 PM (CH)  
Athletics 5:30-9:00 PM (Gym)

### Friday, March 15, 2019

- Irish Night Set-up 7:00 PM (Cafeteria)  
Athletics 6-8:00 PM (Gym)

### Saturday, March 16, 2019

- HSA Raffle Tickets on sale after 5:00 PM Mass  
Irish Night 6-10:00 PM (Cafeteria)

### Sunday, March 17, 2019

- Bishop's Appeal In-Pew Weekend  
HSA Raffle Tickets on sale after all Masses  
HS Youth Group 7-8:30 PM (Gym)  
Athletics - 1:15-6:00 PM (Gym)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;  
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

**THERE IS AN APPOINTED TIME FOR EVERYTHING...**

*Please pray for the safety of our men and women in the military service who are supporting our country faithfully especially:* Jerry Russel, Spc. Patrick Faulkner, Sgt. Daniel Kimenski, Spc. Tony Graziano, Spc. Jason Sellio, Spc. John Peterson, Pfc. Kevin Lane to, Spec. Richard Lantz, Gen. Patrick Donahoe, Alonzo Brown, Cpl. Kevin Kellick, Cpl. Todd Burton, Sec. Capt. Suzanne Planted, Sgt. K.M. Yom Delgado, Staff Sgt. Patrick D. Williams, Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class William Ashton, Staff Sgt. Michael Schwartz, Sgt. Mark Towel, Christopher John McKay, Spec. Jesse James Dunn, Thomas C. Woodley, Maj. Sean Donahoe, Sgt. James Lighter, 1st Lt. Kelly Ashton, Lance Cpl. Jamie Manning, Capt. Anthony Speziale, Pfc. Michael A. Bocho, Sgt. Michael Archibald, Staff Sgt. Jonathan Deacon, Philip Schaeffer

**A TIME TO HEAL. . .**

*Please pray for those in our Parish Family who are sick:* Jean Moran, Jean A. Robey, Harriet Marion, Maryann Hughes, Mary Machida, Ann Joseph Candy, Jai Whitelaw, Angelique DiCataldo, Mina Buzzek, Barbara Kappes, Harold Christensen, Charles Berrios, Joseph Nemeth and Family, Cathy Wilhelm, Gwendolyn Kolias, Colleen D'Aloia, Mildred Brennan, Anthony Abate, Alice Ashton, Eugene Logan, John Allen, Kevin Richardson, Enrique Curbelo, Elizabeth Alley, Judy Savage, Donnoven Alexander, Jill Ferentz, Samantha Hiller, Cheryl Asnath, Yvette Moses, Jim Miller, Sarah Flannigan, Dorothy Dunn, O'Neil and Bauer Families, Camille Capone, Kelly Sugihara, Sharon Hinton, Nina Riggio, Robert Meany, Otilio Luis Bidal, Mary Shirley, Frank Shirley, Hugh McCourt, Margaret Bythell, Susan Olsen, Mary Mullen, Frank Long, Patricia Ramos, Ken Kramer, Eleanor Palulis

**A TIME TO WEEP. . .** *Please pray for those of our Parish Family who have died:*

+Rosemarie Nyers

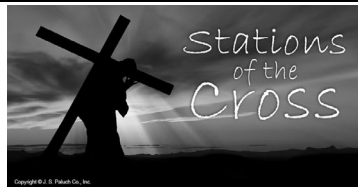
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.* - Ecclesiastes

**TUITION ASSISTANCE 2019-2020**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment, Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than March 31, 2018. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may attend one of two Application Workshops that are scheduled for January 23 and February 7 at Perth Amboy Catholic School, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy from 2-4:00 PM, and from 6-8:00 PM. A Spanish translator will be available.



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 12:15 PM, 7:00 PM in English, and 7:45 PM in Spanish.

**TRICKY TRAY 2019**

**St. Matthew's Candyland - Where everything's sweet!**

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!**

The HSA's 20th Annual Tricky Tray Auction will take place early this year, on **SUNDAY, APRIL 7th**, in the St. Matthew Gym. Doors open at 12pm and calling starts at 3pm. Tickets sell out quickly! Admission is \$20/person, reserving you a seat at an assigned table of 8 or 12 people, and includes coffee, tea, and dessert. Feel free to bring your own food and drink. You may purchase a table or individual seats. Raffle Ticket bundles will be available for early purchase again this year, to be picked up at the event. For more information, please contact our Seating Coordinator at [TrickyTray@saintMschool.org](mailto:TrickyTray@saintMschool.org) or 732-955-4891. Order forms are available on the Church bulletin board.

**No one under 18 will be admitted.**

**WE NEED TRICKY TRAY DONATIONS!!!**

We are less than 2 1/2 months away from our largest fundraising effort of the school year, and the St. Matthew HSA needs your help to make it a success! We need at least 300+ prizes to make the event as profitable as it has been in the past. Some items we're requesting are: toys, baby products, garden essentials, "Dad" items, kitchen supplies. However, we are grateful for whatever you give. You may donate ANY NEW AND UNUSED items. Monetary donations of any amount are also welcome and greatly appreciated.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office during school hours or in the box as you enter church. For other times, please contact us at the email or phone number below. Please be sure to include your name on the donations, so that we may be able to acknowledge you or your family's generosity. Please don't wait; we need your donations now!

For questions, you may contact: **Rocio Budavari** and **Maria Mullen** (Prize/Basket Coordinators) at 732-844-0164 or email them at [HSAStMatthew@gmail.com](mailto:HSAStMatthew@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your support.

**IRISH NIGHT at ST. MATTHEW the APOSTLE**



The St. Matthew Music Ministry's **Annual Irish Night** **Saturday, March 16, 2019**  
Catered Corned Beef Dinner - BYOB  
Live Irish Band, Gift Basket Raffle  
Lots of Family Fun

**Tickets on Sale, after all Masses, this weekend!**

**March 9 - March 10**

**5:00 PM Mass - Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Kohlbecker (c), Margaret M. Coogan, Catherine Tedesco, Lisa Mezzacappa, ToniAnn Ambrosio**

**Lector: Evan Ocasio**

**Altar Servers: Gary Misko, Ava Misko, Thomas Lagdameo**

**7:30 AM Mass - Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph Patalano (c), Ron Hayes, Mary Hayes, Diane Toto, John Quinn**

**Lector: Mria Corbet**

**Altar Servers: Victoria Silverman, Ryan Salamante**

**9:00 AM Mass - Eucharistic Ministers: Rene Resma (c), Joe Sutkowski, Mrie Reybert, Richard Ferreira, Raquel Maldonado**

**Lector: Christine Warian**

**Altar Servers: An Nguyen, Sean Radley Babol, Lia Maureen Babol**

**10:30 AM Mass-Eucharistic Ministers: Henry Frohnhoefer (c), Deborah Whittle, Maria Reyes, Mary Testa, Robert Muscolino, Jill Bond, Charlotte Puerari**

**Lector: Elizabeth Patalano**

**Altar Servers: Chigozie Anyora, Christine Carvajal, Catherine Carvajal**

**12:00 Noon Mass - Eucharistic Ministers: Ramon Aggabao (c), Rosa Aggabao, Marlene Brillantes, Caesar Rasalan, Victoria Rasalan**

**Lector: Kenneth Varga**

**Altar Servers: David Marcelo, John Marcelo, Sylvia Rivera, Lorlai Hagens**

**1:30 PM Spanish Mass - Eucharistic Ministers: Mary, Nieves, Amparo**

**Lector: Aida**

**Altar Servers: Olivia Smart, Kallyn Saavendra**

**March 16 - March 17**

**5:00 PM Mass - Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Kohlbecker (c), Nina Mendoza, Trish Wechter, Jose Lagdameo, Patricia Gulyas**

**Lector: Monica Foulkes**

**Altar Servers: Sebastian Gil, Diane Elizabeth Yeo, Cadence McGorvin**

**7:30 AM Mass - Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph Patalano (c), Ron Hayes, Mary Hayes, Diane Toto, Kathleen Husar**

**Lector: Gerald Bobal**

**Altar Servers: Anthony Clemintone, Matthew Clemintone, Colin Stapleton**

**9:00 AM Mass - Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Rich (c), Stephen D'Souza, Ernest Rich, Simi D'Souza, Gladwin D'Souza**

**Lector: Lydia D'Souza**

**Altar Servers: Joshua Abuan, Miguel Castro, Kyle Roben, Dylan Roben**

**10:30 AM Mass-Eucharistic Ministers: Henry Frohnhoefer (c), Deborah Whittle, Joan Gage, Melissa Page, Melissa Jacinto, Ariel Jacinto, Jeanthy Jacob**

**Lector: Melissa Jacinto**

**Altar Servers: Jillian Jacinto, Leahana Ortiz, Emma Seaward**

**12:00 Noon Mass - Eucharistic Ministers: Donna Hamer (c), Brian Baretto, Mirta Smolar, Rudy Quiba, Fe Quiba**

**Lector: Angelo Lobo**

**Altar Servers: Matthew Jorge, Geraldine Mendoza, Quincy Macharia, Alexander Vavrinec**

**1:30 PM Spanish Mass - Eucharistic Ministers: Yovanny, Elvira, Lucila**

**Lector: Rafaela**

**Altar Servers: Emily Gonzalez, Cynthia Gonzalez**

**PADRINOS DE BAUTISMO Y CONFIRMACIÓN:** La Ley eclesiástica manda que los padrinos para el bautismo y confirmación, deben ser Católicos confirmados y activos en la parroquia, o sea que asistan a la misa dominical, ayudan al mantenimiento de la Iglesia, esté casado/a por la iglesia; si es soltero/a no deberá estar en unión libre. Debe vivir una vida de acuerdo a las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. Solo podemos entregar cartas a parroquianos que viven de acuerdo a estas normas.

**BAUTISMOS:** Los Bautismos en español son celebrados el segundo Sabado del mes a la 1:00 PM. No se celebran bautismos durante la Cuaresma. Para hacer arreglos para los bautismos en español comuníquese con el padre Alfonso al 732-985-5063. Si él no está disponible en ese momento, le puede dejar un mensaje con su número de teléfono, para él llamarle luego.

**FORMACIÓN RELIGIOSA- CATECISMO:** Si usted es nuevo en la parroquia y quiere inscribir a su niño/a en las clases de catecismo, por favor comuníquese con el padre Alfonso al 732-985-5063.

**RICA:** Adultos que deseen convertirse a la religión Católica o que necesiten recibir Primera Comunión y o Confirmación, deberán ponerse en contacto con la oficina de la parroquia para el Ritode Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos. Llamar al padre Alfonso. 732-985-5063

**MATRIMONIOS:** Los arreglos para la fecha de casamiento se deben hacer un año por anticipado, antes de hacer los arreglos sociales. 732-985-5063 P. Alfonso.

**MINISTERIO DE VISITAR A LOS ENFERMOS:** Llamar al padre Alfonso. Si es una emergencia (en peligro de muerte) después de horas de oficina, puede llamar al número de emergencia 732-735-9570.

**CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL:** El padre Alfonso está dispuesto después de la misa dominical. Por favor comuníquese con él.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE 2019-2020**

**AYUDA PARA MATRICULA ESCUELA CATOLICA PROCESO DE SOLICITUD ABIERTO**

Familias interesadas en solicitar ayuda de matrícula para acudir a una escuela elemental o superior de la Diócesis de Metuchen pueden hacerlo ya. El proceso de solicitud está disponible en línea vía '(FACTS Grant & AidAssessment)'. Los formularios deben completarse (incluyendo evidencia de documentos) en o antes del 31 de marzo de 2019. La solicitud está disponible en inglés y español.

Familias que necesiten apoyo para completar la solicitud en línea, o que necesiten acceso a la tecnología para solicitar, pueden asistir a uno de los dos talleres de solicitud programados para el 23 de enero y el 7 de febrero en Perth Amboy Catholic School, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy de 2 a 4 pm, y de 6 a 8 pm, Un traductor de español estará disponible.



**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

**2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal**  
*Help Build a Civilization of Love*

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Matthew the Apostle Church. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 16/17, which has been designated as ***Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend***. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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**Apelación Anual del Obispo 2019**  
*Ayuda a construir una civilización de amor*

Para este momento, ha recibido una carta del Obispo Checchio invitándole a participar en la Campaña Anual del Obispo de 2018. Los ministerios diocesanos apoyados por la Campaña impactan directamente a muchos de los feligreses aquí en St. Matthew. Su donación brinda oportunidades de formación para nuestros catequistas, jóvenes y adultos jóvenes. Entre otros ministerios importantes, su regalo de sacrificio apoya nuestros esfuerzos renovados en Evangelización y Comunicación.

Si aún tiene que comprometerse con la Campaña Anual del Obispo de este año, tendrá la oportunidad de hacerlo el próximo fin de semana, 16/17 de marzo, que ha sido designado como el ***Fin de Semana de Apelación Anual en la Banca***. Por favor, considere en oración un obsequio a la Campaña Anual del Obispo para ayudar a nuestra parroquia a alcanzar su meta. Si podemos superar nuestro objetivo, se nos devolverá el 50% de la cantidad recaudada por encima de la meta en forma de un reembolso parroquial. Tan importante como nuestra meta financiera es nuestra meta de alcanzar el **100% de participación**. Cada regalo, sin importar el tamaño, es importante y muy apreciado. Gracias.

**ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL NEWS**

**OPEN HOUSE TODAY: SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019**

Saint Matthew School will be hosting an Open House next Sunday from **10:30 AM-1:30 PM**.

Pre-1 to 3 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

\*Spanish taught K - 8<sup>th</sup> / \*STEM/STREAM /

\*AdvanceED Accredited Extracurricular: Robotics, Drama, Band, Garden Club & More...

Join us for Open House and see all that Saint Matthew School has to offer! For more information or to schedule a private tour, call 732-985-6633.



**SPECIAL PRESENTATION - MONDAY EVENING in the GYM!**

You are invited to attend a presentation by St. Matthew School, "**Safe & Secure Online,**" tomorrow, Monday, March 11th, 6:30 PM in the Gym.

All St. Matthew parents, students, and parishioners are invited to attend this free event. The presentation will go over several real life issues facing you and your children.

Topics include: cyber-bullying, online identity and image protection, social networking safety, and computer safety. Our intent is not to scare you away from the Internet, but rather to teach you how to enjoy it safely.



**THE LEGION OF MARY**



In all of the Blessed Virgin Mary's apparitions, she implores us to have a close relationship with her son, and to pray the rosary. The Legion of Mary is presenting us with a golden opportunity to do just that through the following:

**PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE**

A statue of Our Lady of Lourdes can be brought to your home, so that you and your family and friends can say the rosary together. The statue will remain with you for a week or two and you will have guidance at the beginning and end of the visit from Legion members.

**ADULT LEGION OF MARY**

Men and women over the age of 18 are invited to become members. Meetings are held every Wednesday from 7-8:15 PM in the counting room, located in the church behind the altar. The focus of the Legion will be explained at your first meeting.

Hopefully, you are interested in one or both of these golden opportunities to grow in your personal spirituality for you and your family. Please contact Joan Gage at 732-985-1888 or Mary Niziolek at 732-287-1377 for more information. May God bless you abundantly!

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