

The Parish Community of **St. Matthew the Apostle**

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"Follow the Truth, not the crowd."

The Most Holy Trinity - May 30

IMPORTANT NOTE: For all Catholics living in NJ, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been re-instituted following the temporary measures due to Covid last spring. See p.4 for more information. Mass - it's what we do as Catholics!

Congratulations to the Young Parishioners
Who Received Our Lord for the First Time
In Holy Eucharist This Month:

**JERMAINE ABRAMS
ZOE AHMED
FRANCEZS ALCALA
MILA BANNON
EMELIATTE BELL
PAISLEY BELL
DOMINICK BEZARES
MARIANNE CAESAR
OLIVIA CARABANES
SEAN DELISA
ANTONIO DIXON
JOSEPH DYKSTRA
MICHAEL FLORENTINO
GABRIEL GAVIRIA
NOAH GOMES
DANIELLE LARDIZABAL
MAI LEE
TAICY MACHARIA**

**NICOLE MARTINEZ-SILVA
ZOIE NATIVIDAD
SAMANTHA NICKOLAS
ELENA NORTON
ELLA ONGSUCO
ERIKA ONYEANI
JUSTIN ONYEANI
JAKOB ORCIO
BLAKE PEDROSA
JOHAN PELAEZ
CAROLINE RAMOS
CHARLOTTE RENZI
ISABELLA RIVERA
DAMIEN SZYMANSKI
ELIANA TORRES
JULIAN VERAS
ANTHONY WESLEY**

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 (if married), 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 once a month. Please call the parish office at 732-985-5063 to register.

BAPTISM Baptism is normally celebrated on the 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 ORGANIZATION FUNDRAISERS Groups are permitted to run and schedule fundraisers which have happened in the prior year. New fundraisers or significant changes to prior fundraisers (or restarting ones from over a year ago) require permission from the pastor.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS/MINISTRIES

Parish Pastoral Council:

Marge Hermitt 732-985-5063

Choirs/Music Ministry:

David Jules 732-985-5063

Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors/Ushers:

Fr. Joseph 732-985-5063

Religious Formation:

Alice Fogarty 732-985-5063

St. Matthew's School:

Mrs. Joyce Schaefer 732-985-6633

HSA: Jason Williams

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):

Henry Frohnhofer and Alice Fogarty 732-985-5063

High School Youth Group: Diane Kohlbecker

732-742-4613

Rosary Altar Society/Social Ministry Group:

Marie Reybert 848-200-7925

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Mary Callahan 862-621-5327

Philippine American Association:

Ramon Aggabao 732 650 1718

School Advisory Council:

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Jose Ortiz 917-396-2492

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Legion of Mary:

Joan Gage 732-985-1888

Athletics:

Randy Encarnacion 201-344-2281

Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group:

Laura Bazares 732-718-7146

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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 Melissa Krakowiecki (908-406-1199) Monday-Friday 7:45 - 8:15 in the School (on school days only);

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



SUNDAY, May 30, 2021

Trinity Sunday

- 7:30 AM People of the Parish
- 9:00 AM +Paul. Kvartek, Jr. r/o Jan Macko
- 10:30 AM +Kenny Armwood r/o Barbara Sporer
- 12:00 PM +Deacon Frank Yuhas r/o Donna Hamer
- 1:30 PM +Juana Altagracia r/o Sonnia Fernandez
(Spanish)

MONDAY, May 31, 2021

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30 AM +Josef Macko & Maria Mackova r/o Jan Macko

TUESDAY, June 1, 2021

St. Justin

- 8:30 AM +Joan Scott r/o Ernest J. Rich & Family

WEDNESDAY, June 2, 2021

Sts. Marcellinus & Peter

- 8:30 AM +Edward B. McDonald, 33rd Anniversary
r/o Mom & Family

THURSDAY, June 3, 2021

St. Charles Lwanga

- 8:30 AM +Meri C. Szabovick r/o Mary Niziolek

FRIDAY, June 4, 2021

- 8:30 AM +Stefani Stasik r/o A. Szajdecki

SATURDAY June 5, 2021

St. Boniface

- 8:30 AM +Xcnphon Steven Karichs r/o the Micabalo
Family
- 5:00 PM +Jack Patton r/o Children Tom & Kathy

SUNDAY, June 6, 2021

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Corpus Christi Sunday

- 7:30 AM People of the Parish
- 9:00 AM +Carlos V. Syyap r/o Amy Yamsuan
- 10:30 AM Krystina Mroczko & Family r/o A.
Szajdecki
- 12:00 PM +Deceased Grandparents of the Resma
Family r/o Rene Resma
- 1:30 PM +Maria Caban r/o Ada Gonzalez
(Spanish)

**WEEK AT A GLANCE
Covid Edition!**

Sunday, May 30, 2021

Monday, May 31, 2021

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Thursday, June 3, 2021

Friday, June 4, 2021

Saturday, June 5, 2021

Sunday, June 6, 2021

THE MYSTERY OF THE BLESSED TRINITY

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Church sets aside this Sunday to focus our attention on the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, God who is one, but three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The first reading from Deuteronomy emphasizes both God's awesome greatness and amazing nearness. It might seem beyond belief, but the God of all creation speaks to us, protects us, and guides us. The second reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans describes how we are to relate to the three persons who are one God. We are led by the Spirit to meet God the Father as adopted children. Our adoption is such that we are even heirs with our brother, Christ, the second person of the Trinity, in whose sufferings we must also share. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks with his authority as God and sends us to teach and baptize in the name of the Trinity.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
- Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6-7bc,
8-9;
Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a;
Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34
- Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10;
Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8;
Mk 12:38-44
- Sunday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18;
Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

FEAST OF FAITH

Liturgy and the Holy Trinity

The Trinity is the central mystery of our faith. We believe that God is one, yet three: total unity and rich diversity. God is not a monolith, but a dynamic community of persons, a perfect, loving harmony of three. And the liturgy is the work of the Trinity. We begin all our liturgical celebrations with the sign of the cross, a reminder of our Trinitarian baptism, and the simplest of all professions of our faith. We believe that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we gather in the name of this triune God. Throughout the Mass, we address our prayers to God the Father, through Christ our Lord, in the Spirit's power. And the Father hears our prayer, transforming bread and wine into the Body and Blood of his Son by the Holy Spirit. The Church is "the sacrament of trinitarian communion" (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 16). It is the Trinity who holds us together as well. In the words of Saint Cyprian, we are "a people made one by the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" (quoted in *Sacramentum Caritatis*, 16).

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STATEMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY BISHOPS

Reinstating the General Obligation to Attend Mass

At this time, due to the observance of public safety protocols and the increase in the availability of vaccines, we have begun a return to some sense of normalcy in various sectors of our society.

Therefore, we the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, are lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation beginning on Saturday, June 5, 2021, and Sunday, June 6, 2021, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We welcome the Christian faithful to return to the regular participation in the Sunday Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith (cf. Code of Canon Law canon 1247 and Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2180).

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions. One should consult the local pastor if questions arise about the obligation to attend Mass (canon 87).

Finally, safety protocols (such as wearing masks, social distancing, etc.) and liturgical directives (communion in the hand, communion under one species, etc.) in each New Jersey Diocese remains in place until modified or revoked by the respective Diocesan Bishop.

Given on May 20, 2021, the memorial of St. Bernardine of Siena.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. *Archbishop, Archdiocese of Newark*, Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M. *Bishop, Diocese of Trenton*, Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan *Bishop, Diocese of Camden*, Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney *Bishop, Diocese of Paterson*, Most Reverend James F. Checchio *Bishop, Diocese of Metuchen*, Most Reverend Kurt Burnette *Bishop, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic*, Most Reverend Yousif B. Habash *Bishop, Our Lady of Deliverance Syriac Catholic Diocese*

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 1st 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, Maj. Anthony Speziale, Pfc. Michael A. Bochco, 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, Maryann Hughes, Ann Joseph Candy, Jai Whitelaw, Angelique DiCataldo, Mina Buzzek, Barbara Kappes, Harold Christensen, Charles Berrios, Joseph Nemeth and Family, Cathy Wilhelm, Gwendolyn Koliass, Colleen D'Aloia, Alice Ashton, Eugene Logan, John Allen, Kevin Richardson, Enrique Curbelo, Elizabeth Alley, Judy Savage, Donnawen Alexander, 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, Otilio Luis Bidal, Mary Shirley, Frank Shirley, Hugh McCourt, Margaret Bythell, Susan Olsen, Mary Mullen, Frank Long, Patricia Ramos, Ken Kramer, Eleanor Palulis, Christopher Popp, Genevieve Hughes, Concetta Pugliese, B. Pecorella, Barbara Campbell, Mary Varick, Linda Santos Punzalan, Claudette Hall, Zosimo Micabalo, Dotty Colombo, Jeff Miranda, Christopher Sickels, Marciano Fernandez

CONGRATULATIONS, SABRINA!

Sabrina Mayor, an alumna of St. Matthew School, has been named Valedictorian of the class of 2021 at Union Catholic High School. Sabrina was Valedictorian of the Class of 2017 at St. Matthew School. Sabrina will attend Georgia Tech in the fall and pursue a degree in aerospace engineering. We are so very proud of Sabrina and wish her the best as she continues her education.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40).

Psalms — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:14-17)

Gospel — Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:16-20).

COWARDLY

To know what is right and not to do it is the worst cowardice.

—Confucius

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Even though the Easter season has drawn to a close, today's feast still basks in the glow of Easter's twilight. To believe that we are made in the image and likeness of God—a God whose inner life is described in terms of community—is to recognize that we are in relationship with one another. In the language of the liturgy, we do not each stand alone before God, but constantly affirm this truth in the very words of our prayers. "We believe, we offer, we ask you," we say, or "have mercy on us, hear us, listen to our prayer," and in preparation for Communion, we pray the perfect prayer to "Our Father."

To be baptized is to enter into the life of a community of faith. Nowhere is this sense of community more focused than at Sunday Mass, when we respond to the love of the Father by being together in Christ, embraced by the Spirit, for the sake of the world. Today has been called an "idea feast," and impossible to grasp fully. Yet, as the readings today explore, the Trinity is not a concept traced like a triangle on a blackboard. It is the air we breathe, the sign we trace on our bodies as a pledge and promise of God's love.

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The Most Holy Trinity

"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." - ROMANS 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

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 Sábado 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 Joseph 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 Joseph 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 Joseph. 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. Joseph.

MINISTERIO DE VISITAR A LOS ENFERMOS: Llamar al padre Joseph. 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: _está dispuesto después de la misa dominical. Por favor comuníquese con él.

La Santísima Trinidad

"Y ese mismo Espíritu es el que, uniéndose al nuestro, da testimonio de que somos hijos de Dios. Y si somos hijos, también somos herederos: herederos de Dios y coherederos con Cristo..." ROMANOS - 8:16-17

¿Si somos herederos del reino de Dios, no deberíamos trabajar para construir Su reino? ¿No deberíamos ser buenos administradores de su herencia, utilizando nuestro tiempo para orar, nuestro talento en obras de caridad y nuestros tesoros para cuidar de la Iglesia que Dios nos dejó? Nuestra Iglesia es un preciado legado de Dios. ¿La tratamos cómo lo que es?



St. Matthew School Early Elementary Education

We are open for enrollment in all grades Pre-K to 8. Our focus this year is on our excellent Early Elementary classes. Our Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and Kindergarten programs are where your child will learn the critical thinking skills for the future. In a structured environment with hands-on activities, students are given the motivation to become lifelong learners. At around \$27/day for Pre-K and \$29 for full-day Kindergarten you won't find a better deal at the big-box Daycare Businesses. Call Mrs. Schaefer at 732-985-6633 for more information or to set up a tour!

MASS REQUESTS and MASS CARDS

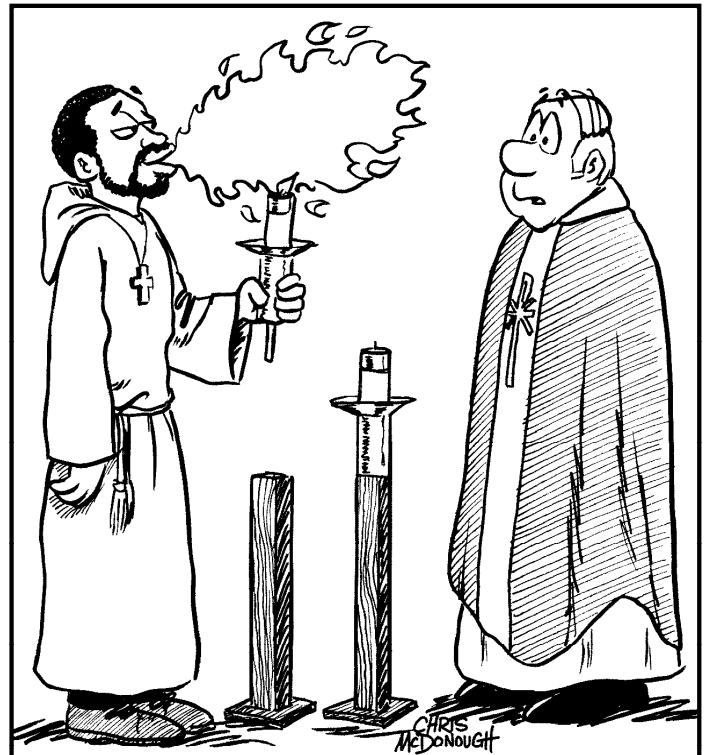
If you would like to remember your loved ones with Masses, you may simply print out a list of names and dates (and time of Mass if you prefer a Saturday or Sunday). Drop the list in the rectory mail slot at any time. Masses are \$10 and Masses with Mass cards are \$12. Please attach your check to your list.

You may request a Mass for a living person, but be sure to let us know. You might notice the "little cross" (+) by the intention for people who have passed. We don't want to accidentally put in a + where it doesn't belong!

Be sure to include your name and phone number on the list so that the office can contact you if the date requested is not available. If you would like a form to fill in, please email the office at:

secretary@stmatthewtheapostle.com. Or, simply call the office at 732-985-5063 Tuesday through Friday from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM for further assistance.

Pastor Al®



"I know you're working on a fire-swallowing act, but I'd rather you use matches like everyone else."

TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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