

# The Parish Community of St. Matthew the Apostle

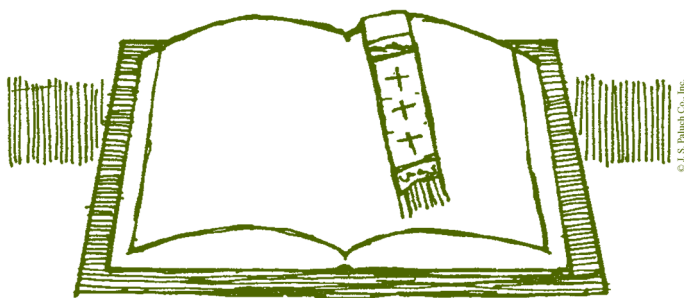
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“Please stop killing unborn babies.”

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 29, 2021

## Full-Time Maintenance Person Needed at Our Church

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Humbly welcome the word  
that has been planted in you  
and is able to save your  
souls.

— James 1:21b

### 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  
The priests and deacon are available to  
registered parishioners by appointment through  
the parish office.

### Mass Schedule

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, and  
immediately after the 5:00 PM Mass

### Mission Statement

St. Matthew the Apostle Church is a multicultural communi-  
ty celebrating our rich heritage of scripture, tradition, and  
magisterial teaching. We bear witness to the Gospel  
through worship, stewardship, hospitality and service.

### Parish Membership

Membership in our parish is open to all Catholics who re-  
side within our borders as well as others who wish to wor-  
ship 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 Sacra-  
ments of Baptism, First Penance, First Eucharist, Confirma-  
tion 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) to arrange an  
appointment to register.

Young adults over the age of 21 should register inde-  
pendently of their parents. Please notify the Parish Office of  
any changes in name, address, marital status or if you are  
leaving the Parish.

## **NOTE FOR PARISH GROUPS WITH CHILDREN:**

Our parish has a number of organizations that work with children. Before a group can re-start meetings on parish property, the rectory needs a list of every adult who will (or might be) working with children. Before an adult can begin, all completed paperwork, including fingerprinting *results*, needs to be in place. Over the last year and a half during Covid, many adults' fingerprinting results have expired. (Remember - fingerprinting verification only lasts three years for non-teacher positions).

In the past, as in many secular organizations, merely providing proof of fingerprinting (the application with payment) was needed while we awaited results. We now need the fingerprinting results VERIFIED IN ADVANCE which can take up to two months. Organizations need to keep this in mind before beginning their first meeting with children. Now might be the time to get your adult leadership in place. This includes, but is not limited to: our sports teams, youth group, scouts, music, altar servers, and curricular and extra-curricular St. Matthew School groups.

We will verify the list of adults working with children when we get the list of potential adult leaders. For each adult working with children, we must have in our file: (1) an application, (2) fingerprinting results, (3) certificate of completion for *Virtus (child protection) Training*, and (4) the agreement to the diocesan *Code of Pastoral Conduct*. If any document is not in our files, we will let you know.



**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.

## **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.

**MASSES for the WEEK**  
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**SUNDAY, August 29, 2021**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 AM +Kathleen Bobal r/o Jerry Bobal
- 9:00 AM +Carl Roman r/o Al & Theresa Battagliotti
- 10:30 AM +James Ruvolo r/o Joan Gage
- 12:00 PM +Raymond Hosie r/o Daughters Bonnie & Mary
- 1:30 PM People of the Parish  
(Spanish)

**MONDAY, August 30, 2021**

- 8:30 AM +Bill Reybert r/o Marie

**TUESDAY, August 31, 2021**

- 8:30 AM +Connie Patton r/o Children, Tom & Kathy

**WEDNESDAY, September 1, 2021**

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

- 8:30 AM +Peter Martin r/o the Barretto Family

**THURSDAY, September 2, 2021**

- 8:30 AM +Saturnino Fernandez r/o the Barretto Family

**FRIDAY, September 3, 2021**

**St. Gregory the Great**

- 8:30 AM +Antanasio Fernandez r/o the Barretto Family

**SATURDAY September 4, 2021**

**BVM**

- 8:30 AM +Emmanuel Eze r/o Cecilia Eze
- 5:00 PM +Andrew D'Amore r/o Wife & Family

**SUNDAY, September 5, 2021**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 AM +Stanley & Connie Domino, Jr. r/o Dee Drago & the Domino Family
- 9:00 AM +In Thanksgiving r/o the Resma Family
- 10:30 AM +Mary Krzywicki r/o Phyllis & Jim Miller
- 12:00 PM +Sr. Mary Gemina r/o the Barretto Family
- 1:30 PM People of the Parish  
(Spanish)

**THANK YOU FROM THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE**

Fr. George, Nelson Abreu (our Carnival chairman) and the whole carnival committee wish to extend our deepest thanks to everyone who participated in the carnival. Whether you helped in a major way or just something small, your participation build community in south Edison, helped keep St. Matthew's in the minds of residents (Catholic and not), and helped raise much needed funds for our parish and school. Thanks also for the prayers to St. Medard!



Thank you to **Boylan Funeral Home** for being a sponsor of our Carnival!

**SCHEDULING PARISH ROOMS AND GYM**

Keep in mind that all groups that meet on parish grounds need to have every meeting scheduled through the parish office. The school registers space in the school building for meetings before 6:00 PM. All parish, school, school groups and athletics need to reserve space through the parish office for events that will go beyond 6:00 PM and on weekends. Some groups have keys to the buildings - this should not be understood that the group can meet as desired without reserving space through the office. Is your meeting listed below in "Week at a Glance?"

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, August 29, 2021**

**Monday, August 30, 2021**

**Tuesday, August 31, 2021**

**Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

**Thursday, September 2, 2021**

**Friday, September 3, 2021**

CANCELLED Los Amigos de Jesus Prayer Group (CH)

**Saturday, September 4, 2021**

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**



Thank you to **Costello-Runyon Funeral Home** for being a sponsor of our Carnival!



Thank you to **The Knights of Columbus, Pope Pius XII Council 4885** for being a sponsor of our Carnival!

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:**

2nd Bann: Alyssa Vargas & Zachary Szucs

**FEAST OF FAITH****What Jesus Did, What Jesus Said**

The oldest account of what happened at the Last Supper comes to us not from the Gospels but from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: “I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me’ ” (11:23–24). In our celebrations of the Eucharist, we are obedient to Christ’s command to “do this.” The priest, acting in the person of Christ, does what Jesus did and says what Jesus said. He takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to the Lord’s disciples. He takes wine, gives thanks, shares it with us. We believe that the entire Eucharistic Prayer is consecratory, but we continue to hold these words of Jesus in special reverence. They are called the words of consecration, and the elevations of the host and chalice, the genuflections of the priest, and the optional ringing of a bell and use of incense remind us that we are in the presence of the Lord.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;  
Lk 4:16-30  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11  
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5  
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5;  
Mk 7:31-37

**A TIME TO HEAL...**

*Please pray for those in our Parish Family who are sick:*  
Jim Miller

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

**Psalms** — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

**Second Reading** — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

**Gospel** — You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

**DOERS OF THE WORD**

The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is classified among the so-called “catholic” (or universal) epistles because they are addressed to a general audience rather than to one particular community. Today’s text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the “first fruits” of the new creation.

What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the “word” as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become “doers” of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the “works” of love, for example, by caring for the “orphans and widows in their affliction.”

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**(CCD) RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Thanks to Deacon Ed, we now have the ability to accept registration and payment online! Religious formation is a requirement for children to receive the sacraments. Aside from learning about our faith, religious formation also helps to establish a healthy prayer life.

Please go to <https://www.stmatthewtheapostle.com/religious-formation-ccd>

If you prefer, you can print the registration form and bring a check to the rectory during office hours.

We fully intend for classes to be In person again in the fall. We had to adjust our class meeting times and reduce the number of classes (fewer children, fewer catechists). Please note our new schedule:

- **Grades 1-4 will meet on Tuesday from 4:15-5:30**
- **Grades 5-8 will meet on Thursday from 6:00 – 7:15**

Registration ends on August 1.

*Also, we need volunteers as teachers, aides, and hall monitors! If you are interested, please email David Jules at:*  
[pcl@stmatthewtheapostle.com](mailto:pcl@stmatthewtheapostle.com)



**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING**

While other parish groups are on the fence, our Rosary Altar Society will begin monthly meetings in just over a week! Their meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 7, beginning with Mass at 7:00 PM. The Mass intention is for Mary Lou Waldron. After Mass there will be recitation of the Rosary, with the meeting following in the cafeteria. Bring a friend! *Thanks for continuing to care for our altar linens throughout Covid, even when we were doing Mass in the parking lot! - Fr. George*

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Labor Day originated in 1882 in New York City under the aegis of the Knights of Labor. Congress made it a legal holiday in 1894. Observing it this week gives us a good opportunity to reflect on the Catholic Church's social teachings for the last century or so. On May 15, 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* on the condition of the working classes and labor. In doing so, he initiated a century in which Catholic teaching became more and more involved in the social issues of the day.

Unfortunately relegated to the shadows while the bright lights of controversy shine on other issues, Catholic social teaching remains largely unknown to many Catholics. It is the Catholic Church that championed such notions as a fair day's pay for a fair day's work, and continues to uphold the dignity of the human person against attacks from governments and corporations. Nearly every pope since Leo XIII has issued teachings on the subject. Take some time this Labor Day to familiarize yourself with some aspect of the Church's social teachings. In doing so, you will be taking responsibility as a member of the Body of Christ to commit yourself to the care of your neighbor.

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**STOP THE FLYING**

A flying rumor never has any trouble making a landing.

—Anonymous

**August 29, 2021 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” JAMES 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

**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 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.

**FINANCES (Thank You for Your Generosity)**

For Weekend August 21-22, 2021

Collection: \$ 7,351.00

Bills Paid: \$11,025.03

Net: \$3,674.03

**29 de Agosto de 2021 - Domingo 22o del Tiempo Ordinario**

“No solo escuchen la palabra de Dios; tienen que ponerla en práctica”... SANTIAGO 1:22

Es fácil comprender la definición de corresponsabilidad - vivir una vida agradecida y generosa. ¡La parte difícil es hacerlo! ¿Como reflejan sus acciones la palabra de Dios? ¿Comparte su tiempo en oración con Dios? ¿Usa sus talentos para ayudar a aquellos que lo necesitan? ¿Es usted generoso con sus recursos financieros? Si no es así, ¿que está esperando?

# FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE PERSON WANTED

Our parish is looking for a full-time maintenance person. Everyone's good friend and dedicated parishioner and employee, John Kulesa, will be retiring in a few weeks. Please consider joining our team in this important role.

Do you have these skills?

- Ability to juggle several hats
- Can prioritize work
- Can work safely and maintain a safe environment for others
- Is detail-oriented, yet will not get caught up in details
- Can use power tools ranging from a battery-powered drill to our tractor
- Can do some heavy, manual work like shoveling snow
- Can climb a ladder one story
- Can meet Child-Safe requirements
- Knows when he/she can solve an issue and when to call in a pro



The maintenance person is integral to any parish, even more so at ours with a school and large campus! And being entrusted with the keys to *everything*, the candidate will need to keep our campus secure. This is a great job for a task-driven person rather than a people person. A "spirituality-by-doing" is needed!

Please email Father George with your work history and/or background at [frgeorge@stmatthewthepostle.com](mailto:frgeorge@stmatthewthepostle.com).

## BUSINESS CLOTHING

The Ozanam Family Shelter is asking for something you might not need anymore. They are in need of clothing for their residents who are going on job interviews. They request **gently used, clean** clothes for both men and women. If you have any shirts, pants, ties, shoes, dresses or skirts that you would wear to an interview, you can bring them to church from now until the end of August.

You can bring clothes on **hangers** and put them on the dedicated rack in the church vestibule, or bring them in **boxes** labelled "Ozanam." We will accept business clothes in **bags**, but remember the recipients may not be able to iron them.

We can only use business clothing that is suitable for a job interview. If you have other clothing to donate, as always, use the bins behind the old convent.

This activity will only go until the last day of August, after which we will remove the clothing rack.

Thank you for helping to get people back to work.



## Pastor Al®



"Tell me, is this the first time you've planned a children's Mass?"