



The Parish Community of St. Matthew the Apostle

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"Please stop killing unborn babies."

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 5, 2021

Full-Time Maintenance Person Needed at Our Church

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HOW TO BECOME A CATHOLIC - (RCIA)

Do you know someone who wants to be Baptized? Or who was Baptized into another denomination and wants to join the Catholic Church? Or who was Baptized Catholic but never received any other sacraments? The week of September 22nd we will begin our program to start you on your way. Although you will be free to leave the program at any time (no commitment until baptism!) you must register to begin. Please call the rectory at 732-985-5063 and tell them that you want to speak with someone about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program. We will be glad to help you.

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— 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 community 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 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) to arrange 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.

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.

NOTE: There are many Masses available in October - including Sunday Masses - through the end of the year.

MASSES for the WEEK

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 Gemma r/o the Barreto Family
- 1:30 PM People of the Parish (Spanish)

MONDAY, September 6, 2021 **Labor Day**

- 8:30 AM +George Szabovick r/o Mary Niziolek

TUESDAY, September 7, 2021 **Rosh Hashana**

- 8:30 AM +Mary & Jim Varick r/o Monica Foulkes
- 7:00 PM +Mary Lou Waldron r/o the Rosary Altar Society

WEDNESDAY, September 8, 2021 **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 8:30 AM +Angelina & Salvatore LaFiura r/o Phyllis & James Miller

THURSDAY, September 9, 2021 **St. Peter Claver**

- 8:30 AM +Maureen Hannigan & Bill Zaragoza r/o Nelson Abreu

FRIDAY, September 10, 2021

- 8:30 AM +Mary Krzywicki r/o Monica Foulkes

SATURDAY September 11, 2021 **BVM**

- 8:30 AM Paige Daly r/o Grandma
- 5:00 PM +Lynne Albert Doty r/o the Henriques Family

SUNDAY, September 12, 2021

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 AM +Dr. Momtaz Mounir Nashed r/o Betty & Tom D.-Sinkler
- 9:00 AM +Steven Horbachevsky r/o Bonnie McGee
- 10:30 AM +Jerry Lucid r/o Marie Reybert
- 12:00 PM +Pedro Roque Punzalan r/o Cristina Payumo
- 1:30 PM People of the Parish (Spanish)



Thank you to **St. Matthew's Father's Club** 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, September 5, 2021

- 10:30 AM Pre-Baptism Class (CR)

Monday, September 6, 2021 **Labor Day**

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

- 7:50 AM St. Matthew School Begins ... Hooray!
- 7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society-Mass, Rosary, Meeting (CH & CAF)
- 7:30 PM Bells (FR)

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Thursday, September 9, 2021 8-9:00 PM Adult Choir (FR)

Friday, September 10, 2021

- 7:00 PM Los Amigos de Jesus Prayer Group (CH)
- 8:00 PM Fathers Club Meeting (FR)

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Sunday, September 12, 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!



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BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

3rd Bann: Alyssa Vargas & Zachary Szucs

FEAST OF FAITH**Remembering**

When Jesus broke the bread on the night before he died, he told his disciples, “do this in memory of me” (Luke 22:19). Christians have been faithful to that solemn command. Our eucharistic remembering is not nostalgia, nor is it merely historical, recalling events and facts of long ago. In the liturgy, remembering is action. “Do this,” Jesus said. In the Eucharist, we remember by doing. And as we remember, the sacrifice of Jesus is renewed, truly made present, no longer then, but now.

After the consecration, each of the Eucharistic Prayers includes a section called the *anamnesis*, a Greek word that means “remembering.” In this part of the prayer, “the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, keeps the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 79e). We pause and call to mind the whole paschal mystery, Christ’s dying and rising. “We celebrate the memory of his death and resurrection” (*Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II*). Obeying Christ’s command, we remember.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11,
or,
for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass
“For the Blessing of Human Labor,” nos.
907-911

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18;
Mk 8:27-35

A TIME TO HEAL...

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

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalms — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Turning the calendar page to September marks a new beginning in the lives of many who live by the academic year. Traditionally the start of the school year in the United States, this month can bring to mind the many calendars by which we live. There are fiscal years, academic years, television seasons, sports seasons—the list seems endless. Added to all of these is, of course, the liturgical year.

A Christian of the first century or so would have been hard-pressed to understand what we mean by a feast day or holy day. That person would have understood Sunday as the primary feast day, and Easter as the primary Sunday. It was only over time that the Church began to set aside particular days and seasons to commemorate certain events or highlight selected mysteries of the faith. What has evolved over the centuries is a “map” of our faith, written on the days and seasons of the year. Some have observed that one will absorb all the major teachings of the Church in the course of a single year of Sundays if one is attentive. What a wonderful way to get Christianity “into our bones!” And best of all, there are no grades!

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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

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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ON WORK

All wealth is the product of labor.

—John Locke

September 5, 2021 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

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 Aug. 28-29, 2021

Collection: \$8,583

Bills Paid: \$5,342.62

Net : \$3,240.38

05 de septiembre de 2021 - 23o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿No escogió Dios a los pobres del mundo para hacerlos ricos en la fe y herederos del reino que el prometió a aquellos que lo aman? SANTIAGO 2:5

¿Qué es más importante ser rico en la fe o rico en posesiones? La Sociedad nos dice que las posesiones son lo más importante. Dios nos enseña una lección diferente. Cuando somos ricos en la fe, mantenemos a Dios primero y experimentamos la verdadera alegría y paz. Cuando ponemos los bienes materiales primero, pronto nos damos cuenta de que nunca tenemos suficiente y la felicidad es pasajera. Cuando ponemos la fe por encima de las posesiones realmente nos damos cuenta de que es mejor dar que recibir.

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@stmatthewtheapostle.com.

LEGION OF MARY PILGRIM STATUE

Mary Queen of Heaven Praesidium of St. Matthew's has a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary plus prayer booklets in both English and Spanish that may visit your home. The procedure is to leave the statue and booklets with a family who has requested the visit for a period of time (a week or two). The booklets are self-explanatory and the family may say the prayers at their leisure. If you would like to have the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at your home, please contact Mary Niziolek at 973-202-3119 or Joan Gage at 732-985-1888. Thank you and God bless you!

LIFE CHAIN

The National Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. All are welcome to attend Life Chain which will be held on Sunday, October 3, 2021. There are eight locations in the diocese, the closest are as follows:

Carteret 3:00 - 4:30 PM – Info: (732) 541-8946

Perth Amboy 2:00 - 3:30 – Info: (732) 442-0512

For additional information visit: [https://](https://www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity)

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Pastor Al®



“Yes, Jesus said the last shall be first, but that doesn't justify cutting to the front of the lunch line.”