

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, October 26**

8:00AM Jane Bardes

**TUESDAY, October 27**

8:00AM Sean Patrick Verdi

**WEDNESDAY, October 28**

8:00AM Catherine Venezia

**THURSDAY, October 29**

8:00AM Jim Connaughton

**FRIDAY, October 30**

8:00AM Kathy Latour

**SATURDAY, October 31**

5:00PM Bobby Maitner

**SUNDAY, November 1**

8:00AM All Deceased Members of St. Matthews

10:00AM All Deceased Members of St. Matthews

12:00PM All Deceased Members of St. Matthews

5:00PM All Deceased Members of St. Matthews



## PASTORAL CARE

Kindly remember in your prayers the sick of our parish. May they experience the healing power of our gracious God: Matthew Augustine, Filomena Bocchino, Emily Cyrier, Bridget Hochstuhl, and James Latham.

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

**Thursday:** Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35

**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Sunday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a



## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 25<sup>th</sup>

**SUNDAY, Oct. 25...** Retrouvaille Mtg 1-5PM, Bridges Delivery.

**MONDAY, Oct. 26...** AA Mtg 9:30AM, Alter Server Trng 6PM, Cub Scout Pack Mtg 7PM, Bible Study 7PM.

**TUESDAY, Oct. 27...** Boy Scouts 6:30PM, Finance Committee 7PM.

**WED. Oct. 28...** AA Mtg 9:30AM, Beyond Divorce 6:30PM, Movie Night 6PM.

**THURSDAY, Oct. 29...** AA Mtg 9:30AM, All Choirs.

**FRIDAY, Oct. 30...** AA Mtg 9:30AM, Healthy Bones 10:30AM.

**SATURDAY, Oct. 31...Happy Halloween!**

**SUNDAY, Nov. 1...** FF Weekend, All Saints Day, LWWC.



## PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

We know how difficult it is to provide blood when needed in the winter months. We can have the chance to reach out to those in need by being a part of our parish blood drive tentatively scheduled for a Sunday afternoon in Jan. 2016. In order to confirm a date with the American Red Cross we will need to have a few people willing to coordinate this very important project. If interested please contact Fr. Dan at 973-584-1101 or fr.dan@stmatthewsrandolph.org



## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Matthew the Apostle Parish joyfully announces the upcoming wedding of Matthew Sean Ambrosi and Courtney Elizabeth Grimshaw on Saturday,

October 31, 2015.

**Served by:**

*Rev. Daniel W. Murphy, Pastor (fr.dan)*

*Rev. Kamil Stachowiak, Parochial Vicar (fr.kamil)*

*Deacon Edward Keegan, Permanent Deacon (deacon.ed)*

*Deacon Richard Brady, Permanent Deacon (deacon.rich)*

*Deacon Larry D'Amico, Permanent Deacon (deacon.larry)*

*Pat D'Amico, Director of Faith Formation (pat.damico)*

*Carol Lindsey, Faith Formation Asst. (carol.lindsey)*

*Kathleen Burke, Music Minister (kathy.burke)*

*Tom Carle, Associate Music Minister (tom.carle)*

*Leslie Doherty, Business Manager (leslie.doherty)*

*Terry Shaw, Parish Secretary (terry.shaw)*

*Karen Loveys, Receptionist (karen.loveys)*

*Andrew Vasta, Youth Minister (andrew.vasta)*

*Bryn Markovich, Youth Minister (bryn.markovich)*

*\*All emails are (name)@stmatthewsrandolph.org*

*Web Address: www.stmatthewsrandolph.org*

*Mobile App: St. Matthew Catholic Church*

**Trustees:**

*William Ruane*

*Moira Dziomba*

## PARISHPAY AUTOMATED GIVING UPDATE

**Automated Giving is an** alternate means of support for St. Matthew's instead of envelopes. In lieu of weekly collections, the ParishPay program will collect monthly contributions from your checking, saving, or credit card account. There is **NO** cost to participate in the program. It's easy to sign up. Simply enroll at the program's website, [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) or contact the parish office.

## SHOPPER'S CLUB

This week 18 families purchased Shopper Club Cards realizing a weekly profit of \$121.50 and Burrini's May–August 2015 has a year to date total of \$502.02 for a grand total of \$7,185.18. Every purchase no matter how small results in profit for St. Matthew's. Remember, St. Matthew's realizes a profit of 5% of the face value of every Shopper's Card you purchase, at no cost to you. Mention St. Matthews when you check out at Burrini's and 5% **of your purchase will be donated to St. Matthew's. Also Randolph Diner, IHOP and Rosie's offers St. Matthew' 10%** when using their diners cards. All cards can be bought after Masses in the Gathering Space.

## DIVINE DELIGHTS – ART, WINE, CRAFT BEER, CHEESE, & CHOCOLATE

**November 14, 2015 7:00PM**

Don't miss our third Art Show/Sale to benefit Holy Trinity Passaic Parish's Religious Education program and their efforts to keep their kids off the streets. The evening promises captivating art created by local artists and a blissful array of enchanting wines, tempting craft beers, sumptuous cheeses and exquisite chocolates. Indulge your taste buds, splurge on a piece of real art to delight your senses for years to come, connect socially with the charming Randolph community and feel satisfied that it's all in the name of helping those in need! Here is your chance to get dressed up and enjoy, in the words of the Psalmist, "Wine that maketh glad the heart of man." 104:15

*Because alcohol will be served, you must be over 21 to attend. Tickets will only be available for purchase in advance, after all masses and through the church office - \$35.00 for a single, \$65.00 per pair. Email or call mkdziomba@gmail.com or 973-584-1101 .*

**MOVIE NIGHT**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-9PM**



We will view and discuss the film "Entertaining Angels". This film tells the story of "Servant of God" (title for first step for canonization as a saint) Dorothy Day, the incredible woman, a convert from atheism to Catholicism, who spent her life as a devout Catholic working for justice and peace. Dorothy Day is one of the four Americans of whom Pope Francis spoke at his recent address to congress.

**RICE CORN AND BEANS 2015**

St. Matthews and Resurrection parishes are joining together to provide Thanksgiving Dinners to over 400 needy families in Morris, Passaic, & Paterson Counties. We will be collecting cans of corn, bags of rice and cans and bags of red or black beans (no baked beans please). Place your donations in the bins in the Gathering Space after Mass and Faith Formation class. This project has always been a great success and an opportunity to provide food and fellowship to others in need. For further information please contact Jeff Mantell [jmantell@optonline.net](mailto:jmantell@optonline.net).

**IMAM DEEN SHAREEF TO RETURN**

Once again the Methodist, RC and Jewish communities of Randolph will welcome Imam Deen Shareef to continue his discussion on Islam. He will respond to the questions submitted at our late Sept. gathering. We will gather at the Mt Freedom Jewish Center located on Sussex Tpk, just before Millbrook Ave. on Monday Nov 23 7:30-9PM. Please feel free to submit further questions by emailing Fr. Dan at [fr.dan@stmatthewsrandolph.org](mailto:fr.dan@stmatthewsrandolph.org).

**COFFEE, TEA & CAMARADERIE**

*I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (Psalms 116:13)* Join the WOMEN OF FAITH as we share our stories over a cup of tea! **We are meeting at a new time this fall, from 1:00 to 2:30 p**, at St. Matthew's in the library. Dates for the remainder of 2015 are as follows: November 5 and 12, and December 3 and 10. Please join us! There are no strangers only friends you haven't met yet. AND don't forget to bring your favorite cup! If you have any questions, please call Moira at 973-584-3788. **Be empowered to live God's Word and Love like Jesus!**



**POPE FRANCIS' VISIT TO THE USA**

It is already been a few weeks since Pope Francis has returned to Rome from his USA visit. What an inspiring and uplifting time that was for all of us Americans, not just Catholics. Hopefully his visit and message will have a lasting impact on us.

We would like to ask you, our parishioners the following questions and ask you to respond by email to [fr.dan@stmatthewsrandolph.org](mailto:fr.dan@stmatthewsrandolph.org).

1. What struck you most in his visit?
2. What have you heard others say?
3. How as a parish community can we follow up?

**SOME GOOD IDEAS FROM OUR PARISH EVANGELIZATION SUPPORT TEAM**

It might be a good idea to place some religious symbols e.g. cross, picture, statue at your office at work to be a discussion starter on faith. It might entice someone to engage you in conversation regarding your beliefs and practice of your faith. Why not ask your co-workers on Mondays "how was your weekend?" which might lead for you to respond regarding your experience at Sunday mass. Engage friends, neighbors, coworkers in conversation about the recent visit of Pope Francis to our country. Simple but possibly effective tools for evangelization.

**RESPECT LIFE RAFFLE**



The Respect Life Raffle tickets will be sold the weekend of November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> prior to and after all masses. Raffles \$10.00 each. 1st Prize 2016 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV value \$42,000.00 2nd Prize Shoprite gift card value \$1,000.00 3rd Prize Shoprite gift card value \$750.00 4th Prize Shoprite gift card value \$500.00 Drawing at Holiday Inn, Somerset, on November 20, 2015. Winner need not be present. Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

**HELP NEEDED!**



Jordan Gleniewicz, a parishioner and Boy Scout is currently working on a prayer labyrinth as an Eagle Scout project. The labyrinth will be located on the side yard of St. Matthews and provide a place of prayer and reflection in a lovely setting for all to enjoy. At this time, Jordon is seeking donations of bricks, any condition, new or used, any number preferable 4" x 8" in size. He is happy to pick the bricks up from those willing to donate and transport to the church. Any assistance while undergoing the final phase of this project is greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for your support! Jordan can be reached at 973-219-6947 or email [jordonjglen@gmail.com](mailto:jordonjglen@gmail.com)

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Serving Christ Among Us - Our Catholic agencies continue to serve tens of thousands of people in profound need each year. These people could be your neighbors, co-workers, friends, or loved ones. As Catholics, we are committed to serving Christ among us, especially those who are hurting and lost. The largest percentage of Appeal funds each year is used to help our Catholic charities agencies do their essential work. Please make a pledge to the 2015 Appeal today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at [www.2015appeal.org](http://www.2015appeal.org).

**LOOKING FOR STREAMING TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS**

Knowing that our young people are the ultimate experts in all things technical we would like to recruit a few teenagers & young adults with an interest in and expertise in technology to be trained by one of the members of our Tech Committee to help with the streaming that we do to download our weekly mass and other events. It is not a big time commitment but would involve some elementary training on our system. If interested please call or email Fr. Dan at either [fr.dan@stmatthewsrandolph.org](mailto:fr.dan@stmatthewsrandolph.org) or 973-584-1101 ext. 210 and he will let you know whom to contact.



## CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm  
Chester Library  
Group Study Room A

For more information please contact The Senior Resource Center at 908-879-2202 or email at [info@srcnj.org](mailto:info@srcnj.org)

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OFFERING

Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$591.00. Some people are called to go to serve in other countries to develop the Church and serve its people, but all of us can pray and support the Missions from right here in the parish.

## PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

Bishop Serratelli will be celebrating a *Respect Life Mass* (was previously called *Mass for the Unborn*). The Mass will be on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at Saint Ann Parish in Parsippany at 10:00 AM. This Mass is sponsored by the Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus Councils. Please share this information with all. Following the Mass, there will be light refreshments. The Mass is a wonderful way for our faithful to come together in prayer and in mutual support for protecting all of our children - born and unborn.

## A CHILD IS BORN

A COLLECTION OF TRADITIONAL,  
CONTEMPORARY AND ORIGINAL MUSIC  
LEAD VOCALIST - FR. DAVID McDonnell

Give a gift that reflects the true spirit of Christmas. All proceeds will be donated to charity. Order forms are found in the gathering space. Price- \$15.00- Prepaid Orders Only-Deadline November 6, 2015. Make check payable to Our Lady of the Lake. Leave order forms in our parish office attention Karen Loveys.



## SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1965 or 1990? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli

will be the main celebrant at Mass at St. Mary Church, Denville on **Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 4:00pm**. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. Registrations will be accepted through **Monday, October 26, 2015**. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion.

## IS SOMEONE'S DRINKING CAUSING YOU CONCERN?

Come join the Al-Anon group here at Notre Dame. Meetings are held every Thursday, 8:30-9:30pm, in Rm. 112. At Al-Anon meetings, the friends and family members of problem drinkers share their experiences and learn how to apply the principles of the AlAnon program to their individual situations. Younger family members and friends attend Alateen meetings (<http://al-anon.org/for-alateen>).

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**BAPTISM:** Families are requested to contact the Parish Office for details on pre-baptismal instruction and date of Baptism.

**FAITH FORMATION:** Faith Formation for children kindergarten thru 11<sup>th</sup> grade takes place on Sundays and Wednesdays, (Confirmation Sunday evenings) Please contact Pat D'Amico at 862-251-4129 with any questions.

**GLUTEN FREE EUCHARIST:** As a reminder, for those parishioners or visitors who have Celiac Disease or have an allergy to gluten in food products, we offer gluten-free hosts for Eucharist. **If you desire to receive this host, we ask that you notify the Deacon at least 5 minutes before Mass in order that we can prepare for the special host for the Mass.**

**HAITI RELIEF SERVICES:** To help support relief services in Haiti you can reach out to Catholic Relief Services by calling 888-277-7575 or [info@crs.org](mailto:info@crs.org). Catholic Relief Services can be found at 228 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, Maryland, 21203-7090.

**HOSPITAL BOUND:** If you or any of your family members are currently in the hospital or will be going into the hospital please let the parish know so we can visit. Because of the privacy laws, the hospitals cannot notify parishes of incoming patients. Thank you.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements are usually made one year in advance. Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** If a family member is ill in the hospital, please call the parish office. Because of the privacy laws, we may not be aware that your family member is sick and we would be happy to visit you during this time.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** If you are new to St. Matthew's or have been coming to Mass for a while now, we ask that you stop by and speak to Fr. Dan, Fr. Kamil, or our Deacons to talk about becoming part of our parish family. Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space; and can be filled out and put in the gold mailbox outside the office door—or you can call Terry Shaw at 973-584-1101 ext. 205 and she will mail you a registration form. There are many wonderful happenings going on at St. Matthews and we want to make sure all our parishioners are in the know!

**RECONCILIATION:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated each Saturday from 4:15-4:45PM before the evening Liturgy or by appointment at another time.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA):** RCIA prepares adolescents and adults for Baptism and full Communion into the Catholic Church. Please call the office for more information.

**THE EUCHARIST AT HOME:** Holy Communion may be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound. For the confined, the elderly and/or shut-in, be they at home or in the hospital, the staff of our parish makes calls to homes and hospitals each month. Please inform the office, 973-584-1101, to have your name added to the list.

**VISITATION:** Do you know someone who needs a visit, a phone call or just a kind note from his/her parish priest? Maybe it's someone who has been away from the Church for awhile or someone that has been turned off or offended by the Church? Email or call the parish office, 973584-1101, so we can extend the healing hand of the Lord to them! All information will be kept confidential

# Christian History of Halloween

What is the Christian history of Halloween?

## Christian History of Halloween – The Origins

Halloween began to evolve as early as AD 270 from the Celt's culture in Ireland who practiced a special costume party event the night before their annual feast of "Samhain," which had a two-fold purpose. The feast was not only a memorial to commemorate their deceased relatives but also a thanksgiving to close the end of the summer season of light and to prepare diligently for entering into the darkness of the long winter season.

Superstition has it that the "eve" before the feast was then a time to ward off any evil spirits which they believed were cast out or released from the spirit world realm into their physical world and who would come to attack the feast celebration. Believing that demons, witches, and hobgoblins were real and existed, October 31 then became an annual costume event to try through disguised appearance fool the evil spirits into thinking they were not humans to be harmed.

The Druids, who were the Celt's ruling class, required of everyone to attempt tricking the evil spirits by dressing up to look like goblins, witches, and devils, and by carving ugly, monstrous faces on gourds lighted with candles, and by sweetly putting treats outside their door. The challenge, according to superstition, was to divert the evil spirits attention away from their feast the following day.

## Christian History of Halloween – Missionary Involvement

The Lord had different plans for the Celt's and during the second century He sent a few missionaries to England and Ireland to convert the people to Christianity. When the Christian missionaries journeyed from Europe and arrived in the land of the Celt's, the Druids, after hearing the Gospel, became eager for all their people to become Christians and to denounce their pagan gods and practices such as superstitiously appeasing and cast off evil demon spirits. In time, they adapted and combined the tradition of their feast on November 1 and "all Hallows Eve" together with the Gospel. The Christian monks decided it would be an effective way to share the Gospel and to dispel and lay to rest the Celt's superstition about ghosts and evil spirits. That Christ, their Creator and Savior, defeated Satan, death, and evil at the cross and through Him alone, evil demons were powerless and would flee.

Halloween and the Samhain Feast also provided an opportunity to be reminded of or learn about Christian heroes and martyrs along with the Celt's continuing to officially recognize and commemorate the souls of their blessed dead who had been declared saints.

Many scholars agree that the commemoration of saints on November 1 first originated in Ireland, spread from there to England, and then to the continent of Europe with the rise of Christianity. By the ninth century, the Roman Catholic Church adopted the Celt's Halloween tradition and Pope Gregory IV sent out an official letter of notification urging that Halloween be observed in harmony with All Saints Day throughout the Roman Empire.

Halloween is derived from the term All Hollows Eve and "Hallowmass," meaning Holy evening.

