

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, November 30**

**8:00AM** Anastacia Marmol

**TUESDAY, December 1**

**8:00AM** Jean Marie Poggi

**WEDNESDAY, December 2**

**8:00AM** Jose Racelis

**THURSDAY December 3**

**8:00AM** Frank Cerny

**FRIDAY, December 4**

**8:00AM** Deceased Parishioners of St. Matthews

**SATURDAY, December 5**

**5:00PM** Florence Hackett

Elizabeth Lawrence

**SUNDAY, December 6**

**8:00AM** Tyrone Barnes

**10:00AM** Robert Roma

**12:00PM** John & Mary Covello

**5:00PM** Angelina Mortello

## 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.

### First Sunday of Advent

**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28; 34-36

**Monday:** Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**First Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

**First Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28; 34-36



### EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>

**SUNDAY, Nov. 29...**Search Team Day.

**MONDAY, Nov. 30...** AA Mtg 9:30AM, Advent Evening of Reflection 7:30PM.

**TUESDAY, Dec. 1...**Boy Scouts 6:30PM, Lit. Comm 7:30PM, Rosary 7PM, Women's Cornerstone 7:30PM.

**WED. Dec. 2...**AA Mtg 9:30AM, Pastoral Council 7:30PM.

**THUR. Dec. 3...**AA Mtg 9:30AM, Rosary 7:30AM, Hope Builders 7:30PM, All Choirs.

**FRIDAY, Dec. 4...**AA Mtg 9:30AM, Bible Study 9:30AM, Healthy Bones 10:30AM.

**SATURDAY, Dec. 5...**Bible Study 9:30AM, 2nd Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation 9AM.

**SUNDAY, Dec. 6...**Search Team Day, LWWC 10AM Mass, FF Weekend, Breakfast w/ Beth. Mtg 6:30PM, Reconciliation 10-11 Grade.

**SAVE THE DATE! The Snowflake Bash (Italian Night) is coming January 23, 2016! A night of delicious food, fun and entertainment, BYOB! Stay tuned!! More information to follow!**



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)**

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**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 21 families purchased Shopper Club Cards realizing a weekly profit of \$165.50 and Burrini's May–August 2015 has a year to date total of \$502.02 for a grand total of \$7,841.68. 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.

### 2015–2016

#### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

##### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 – 8:15PM

Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:15 -  
4:45PM

#### ADVENT OLD TESTAMENT READINGS PRESENTATION

Rabbi Menashe East – Mondays 7:30-9PM  
November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

## PREPARING FOR THE FEAST OF CHRISTMAS

The First Sunday of Advent began November 29th! A little background on the Advent Wreath...

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening (Saturday) before the First Sunday of Advent.

Customarily, the Advent Wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles. If you are making a wreath at home, any kind of green branches are suitable and any type of candles (like votive candles) may be used. Please be careful when lighting the candles and never leave them unattended! According to tradition, the candles are violet and the fourth is rose. However, four violet or white candles may be used. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and the number of candles lighted each week corresponds to the number of the current week of Advent. The rose candle is lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent; also known as Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath and prayers are celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by any member of the family. A good idea would be that during each week of Advent, every member of the family takes a turn lighting the candle and reading the prayer.

**Suggested format:** Place the Advent Wreath in the center of the table where you are eating your meal. Gather everyone to their seats before dinner is served.

**Everyone makes a sign of the cross**

**Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

**All: Who made heaven and earth.**

**Leader: Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, God-with-us, and the hope of all people. He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us each day. He is the Savior of the world.**

**Let your blessing come upon our family and home as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Jesus' promise to bring us eternal life. May He come quickly and not delay. Bless us and the food we share this night. We ask all this through Christ our Lord.**

**All: Amen.**

## BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM

On Saturday, December 12th from 9:30-11:00am, St. Matthews invites all families with children in Pre-K through 4th grade to participate in "Breakfast in Bethlehem". This event will take place in Heritage Hall and include a continental breakfast and child-friendly craft. As part of their Confirmation Discipleship Service Project, St. Matthew's 9th Graders are performing the Presentation of the Nativity Story based on the book "Breakfast in Bethlehem". This event will help young children understand the real meaning of Christmas. We will be pre-selling autographed copies of the book "Breakfast in Bethlehem" for \$10 after all masses beginning the weekend of 11/28. (*Tip: makes a nice Christmas gift*). In addition, a \$5 donation per family is suggested and will be collected the day of the event. Please consider bringing gifts of canned/dried food or peanut butter for Baby Jesus. All proceeds to benefit Hope Builders (St. Matthew's Youth Ministry annual Mission Trip to Kentucky). All families with children in Pre-K through 4th grade will be receiving an electronic "Evite" via email. Please RSVP for this event via email or complete an invitation found in the Gathering Space. We hope you will join us.

## CHRISTMAS MASS INVOLVEMENT FOR LITTLE ONES

We would like to invite a young child (K-2) to bring up the infant Jesus statue to be placed in the crèche at all of our Christmas masses this year. (Christmas Eve 5 and 10 PM and Day 9 and 11 AM). The child will enter with the Altar Servers, Deacon and Priest Celebrant and proceed to the crèche in the back corner of the church and place the infant Jesus statue in the crèche and then return to be seated with his/her parents. It would be wonderful also to have the family bring up the gifts at mass if they would like to be involved. We will need to know by December 11<sup>th</sup> so please call the parish office ASAP 973-584-1101.

## CONGRATS EAGLE SCOUT SEAN NOLAN

Sean is the 112th Eagle Scout from Troop 166 here in Randolph. His Eagle Project was to plan, organize and construct four (4) wooden park benches for the Morris County Parks Commission. He successfully fund raised, project managed, secured materials and labor so that the team he managed was able to construct the benches to the satisfaction of Russ Nee of Morris County Parks, who then placed them in the playground of the newly created Central Park, on the old Greystone grounds in Morris Plains.



## 20TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please save the date (and spread the word!) for our music ministry's annual Christmas concert. Plan to join us on **Sunday, Dec. 20th at 2:00 p.m.** and continue this 20-year tradition of great holiday music to warm your spirits! Along with some sing-along carols, music will include selections by our adults, teens, and children, as well as our bell ringers! A free will offering will be received to help support the music ministry programs at St. Matt's. Please let us know if you are available to help with our "light refreshments" reception following the concert. (Email or call Kathy or Tom!) Thanks for your support!



## BAPTISMS

We are happy to welcome the following new members to the faith community of the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Grayson Matthew Barton son of Bryan & Mary-Joslyn Barton, Roark Donal Succardi son of Dominick & Kelly Succardi and Liliana DeRiggi Daughter of Mark & Lauren DeRiggi. We hope and pray that these children and their parents will become full and active members of our parish and that they will find in St. Matthew's a true spiritual home.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016 2-8 PM  
MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT AFTERNOON**

So many of our parishioners share in the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage and their sacrament truly touches the lives of all of us. We want to offer the opportunity for married couples to come together to spend some quality time in reflection and sharing one week before Valentine's Day 2016 and to have the opportunity to have a nice dinner afterwards with other couples in the parish. Our theme will be "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Marriages" and our presenters will be Jim and Linda Baratte. The Barattes have made this presentation in other parishes and have been very well received. Set the date and watch for more information to come.

## ST. MATTHEW'S CHRISTMAS 50/50

Our Christmas 50/50 is under way. This is our second and final major fundraiser event for this year. Ushers will be passing out your 50/50 tickets after all masses the weekend of November 14th & 15th. Each family please take one envelope, and we ask that you take additional envelopes extending the opportunity to win to family members, friends and business associates. We will also be sending tickets home with Faith Formation Children, if you have a child attending St. Matthew's Faith Formation Program you may elect not to take tickets for yourself since they will be coming home with your child. Ticket price is \$50 each, buy 2 and get a 3<sup>rd</sup> FREE! Again we will have 20 winners! **Our summer 50/50 was very successful, we sold 795 tickets. 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner received \$4770 and the 19 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners received \$795 each! Our raffle will be taking place here at St. Matthew's on Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:15PM following our Christmas Concert. Winners will have some extra money for Christmas Shopping! Please purchase your tickets early and Thank You for Your Support!**

## ADVENT & THE YEAR OF MERCY The Rosary Revival

On November 14th, approximately 30 St. Matthew's women, enjoyed faith and fellowship at the second meeting of the Marthas and Marys. The Rosary was the topic of the day and Beth McNeilly gave a beautiful reflection on her recent spiritual journey with The Rosary! This sparked much discussion and brought about interest in discovering or rediscovering The Rosary. Needless to say a number of circumstances make a revival of the Rosary quite timely. "The Rosary is by its nature a prayer for peace, since it consists in the contemplation of Christ, the Prince of Peace, the one who is "our peace" (Eph 2:14)." Let us pray together The Rosary this Advent as we await the birth of the Prince of Peace in our hearts and in our world and continue during the Year of Mercy. **There will be two opportunities each week to pray The Rosary at St. Matthew's.** We will meet on **Tuesday evenings** at 7 PM beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> and on **Thursday mornings** at 7:30 AM beginning December 3<sup>rd</sup>. All men and women of the parish are invited! If you have any questions please contact Moira Dziomba 973-584-3788

## POSSIBILITIES FOR FAMILY PHOTO CHRISTMAS CARDS

. For those who like to send family photos and messages for your annual Christmas greeting I would suggest and encourage you to take the opportunity to also include a small/simple card with the photo to express the authentic spiritual meaning of the Christmas season. Please see the 2 possibilities below through Ministry of Arts operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph. They might be appropriate to keep Christ in Christmas. [www.MinistryOfTheArt.com](http://www.MinistryOfTheArt.com) is the website on Tri-Fold Nativity Card the inside reads, "May you have the Spirit of Christmas which is Peace-the Joy of Christmas which is Hope-The Heart of Christmas which is Love. Christmas Blessings." C603V or CELTIC PEACE -inside-"Deep peace of the running waves to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the smiling stars to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the watching shepherds to you. Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you." C136 Fr. Dan



## IN THE SPIRIT GIFTS NEEDS HELP!

In the Spirit Gifts is looking for a part-time worker to help out in their store with retail sales experience. Flexible hours 1152 NJ RT 10 Randolph, 973-927-1978, please ask for Carla Oddo.

## CHRISTMAS EVE 5PM CHILDREN'S MASS

Each Christmas we are looking for children who want to partake in the reenactment of the birth of Jesus. Just prior to the beginning of our 5PM mass on Christmas Eve we read the story of the birth of Jesus and we have children participate in various roles. If your child is interested please contact me at [201-400-6749](tel:201-400-6749) or email at [jbloveys@aol.com](mailto:jbloveys@aol.com). We will be having ONE rehearsal on Saturday, December 19th from 1:00-3:00PM. We need many children, so please give me a call. The roles fill up quickly. *Thank you! Karen Loveys*

## GIVING TREE 2015

St. Matthew's is once again sponsoring a Giving Tree for the 2015 Christmas season. This year we will have two trees. One tree will be the traditional tree located in the Gathering Space and the second tree or "Children's Tree" will be downstairs near the faith formation classes. The children's tree will have tags requesting gifts that cost generally under \$10.00. The intention and hope for this new tree, will be for the children to take a tag or two on their way to class, and purchase the requested gift with their own earned money. Please return the gifts with the tag attached, unwrapped and place under the tree. What a wonderful opportunity for the children to live their faith by sharing with others in need this Christmas season!

This year's charities that we will be supporting are the following:

1. **Dover Child Care Center – children's coats, hats and gloves**
2. **J.T.'s Kitchen- Shop-Rite gift cards as well as blankets, sweaters, undershirts etc.**
3. **Hope House – Shop-Rite, Target, and Walmart gift cards as well as gifts for their "Adopt a Family" program. We have adopted Twenty five families this year.**
4. **Holy Trinity Parish – Shop-Rite gift cards and warm clothing items for adults and children.**
5. **"Hope Builders" (Kentucky) - Lowe's gift cards.**
6. **"Hermits of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel" of Chester, NJ- Shop -Rite and Walmart gift cards**

Please take a tag or two off the tree and purchase the item requested. Return the gift cards to the provided bag near the tree by **Sunday, December 13th**. Please try and get all the gifts returned by this date as the sorting and distribution of the gifts is very time consuming. All other gifts should be placed under the tree *unwrapped* in a shopping bag, with the tag attached. This way we can match the gifts to the recipients. **NO WRAPPING PAPER OR TISSUE IS NEEDED.**

In lieu of a purchased gift or gift card, monetary donations can be made to cover the cost of items not purchased. Checks made out to St. Matthew's can be given to Fr. Dan after all the masses or left in the gift card bag. Please also consider purchasing the Shop Rite gift cards through our own Shopper's Club after all the masses. St. Matt's will realize a 5% profit on each card purchased at no additional cost to you.

Lastly, thank you profusely for your continued generosity year after year for the Giving Tree. Each year the need grows and we are touching so many people both here locally and in other states as well.

Please contact Kathe Naddaff at [knaddaff@optonline.net](mailto:knaddaff@optonline.net) or Liz Ritter at [eritter62@yahoo.com](mailto:eritter62@yahoo.com). With any questions.

## POINSETTIA FOR M.O.R.E.!

"The 5<sup>th</sup> annual St. Matthew's Poinsettia sale begins this weekend. All profits go to M.O.R.E. a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Orphans in Ethiopia. Please contact one of the high school students running the sale for more information. **Matt Potter** [[mjpotter22@gmail.com](mailto:mjpotter22@gmail.com)], **Maddy Piovano** [[maddy.pio91@gmail.com](mailto:maddy.pio91@gmail.com)], and **Caroline Potter** [[caroline.potter@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.potter@gmail.com)].



## THANK YOU THANK YOU

On Sat Nov 14 our parish hosted a Wine and Cheese and Art Auction event to help support our sister parish in Passaic, Holy Trinity. It was a wonderful success that offered everyone a great time for fellowship, great food and drink and the opportunity to view and purchase some beautiful art work of local artists. Most importantly, it gave us an opportunity to provide some very important funding, over \$5,300.00 for Holy Trinity parish in Passaic. *Rene, Martha & Gabby Toledo, Bob and Lynne Cappuccino, Janeen Sharp, Celeste DiGisco, Danny Santana - Burrini's, Karen Sammond, Walter and Jenny Lambert, Mark Gleniewicz, Marie Rosato, Imelda & Daryl Brown, Tom Carle - Donated some home brewed beer, Nancy and Pete Scimenes, Bob Scariello, Dan Farley - donated beer, provided tables and tablecloths, Moira Dziomba, Connie Dziomba.* Thanks to all who took part but most all to our hard working and dedicated committee. We also express out thanks to some of our High School young men who did a great job in covering coat check, cleaning and serving. They were fantastic. *Drew Brown, Frank Zarrello, John Cicciolone, Josh Fitzgerald, Nick Rampone, Alex Vindici, Andrew Fusco, and Morgan Gleniewicz.*

## THE USE OF SANCTUS BELLS AT MASS

*Give praise with crashing cymbals,  
praise him with sounding cymbals.  
Let everything that has breath  
give praise to the LORD! (Psalm 150, 5-6)*

Celebrating the liturgy touches an integral approach of celebration and should be considered on many levels. It is not just about knowledge of books and norms of the Church's documents, but about something much more. It's first and foremost about respect for the sacred. It concerns the faith and life of all participants of the Liturgy.

Let us recall a quote from Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*, where we read: "Indeed, the liturgy, as well as the rest of Christian Revelation, is inherently linked to beauty: it is *Veritatis Splendor*, the Splendor of Truth."

The beauty of the liturgy encompasses the variety of signs and symbols, gestures, language, music and singing, vestments and robes, architecture and sacred art.

One of the elements of the *art of celebration* is deeply anchored in the history and tradition of the universal Church, namely the use of bells during the liturgical celebration.

Along with the times, and with no apparent reason, especially after Vatican II, the popularity of the use of liturgical bells (known as *Sanctus Bells*) significantly diminished. However, despite the many "liturgical upgrades", the tradition and the use of liturgical bells remains an integral part of celebrations of the Eucharist.

Considering these issues, let's look at the words of Scripture that show us important role played by these instruments.

The use of Sanctus Bells is mentioned four times in the Old Testament of the Bible. "Exodus 28, 33-35 describes the vestments worn by the high priest Aaron as he approached the Arc of the Covenant in the Holiest of Holies: <<At the hem at the bottom you shall make pomegranates, woven of violet, purple, and scarlet yarn and fine linen twined, with gold bells between them. Bells were also used to signify adoration to God during early times as shown in Zachariach 14:20: <<On that day, "Holy to the Lord" will be written on the horses' bells. Ancient cymbals are mentioned in Psalm 98:4 and Psalm 150, 5-6."

The main purpose for using the bells was and still is to make the faithful aware that they are witnessing something extraordinary, something that completely transcends human possibilities of perception. It is the exterior sign that a miracle is taking place – Jesus Himself is made present on the altar.

The sound of the bells helps people to experience the unique and reverent atmosphere in the Church and indicates the sacred of which we all take part.

At St. Matthew's we will revive this custom on the Sundays of the Advent and Christmas season to be evaluated afterwards.

Fr. Kamil Stachowiak

## 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. 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.