

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, December 7

8:00AM Francis & Mattie Stachowiak
Frank Nobile

TUESDAY, December 8

8:00AM Christian Shaw
7:30PM Giuseppe Zingone

WEDNESDAY, December 9

8:00AM Robert Roma

THURSDAY December 10

8:00AM William Broekamp

FRIDAY, December 11

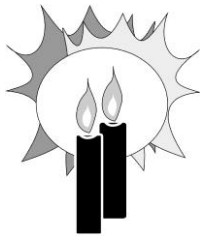
8:00AM Deceased Parishioners of St. Matthews

SATURDAY, December 12

5:00PM Helen Truncala

SUNDAY, December 13

8:00AM Frank Marotta
10:00AM Linda Rivello
John Bettencourt
12:00PM James Favo
5:00PM Eileen Callaghan



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.

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Dec. 6th

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

MONDAY, Dec. 7... AA Mtg 9:30AM, Advent Recon. 7PM, RCIA 7:30PM, Youth Group 7:30PM, Bible Study 7PM, Search 8:30PM.

TUESDAY, Dec. 8...Boy Scouts 6:30PM, Immac. Conception Mass 8AM & 7:30AM, Opening Year of Mercy.

WED. Dec. 9...AA Mtg 9:30AM, Breakfast in Beth Mtg 7PM, Grief Circle 7:30PM.

THUR. Dec. 10...AA Mtg 9:30AM, Rosary 7:30AM, All Choirs.

FRIDAY, Dec. 11...AA Mtg 9:30AM, Healthy Bones 10:30AM.

SATURDAY, Dec. 12...Breakfast in Bethlehem 9AM.

SUNDAY, Dec. 13... FF Weekend, Giving Tree Sorting 12PM, LWWC 10AM Mass.

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)

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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 or contact the parish office.

SHOPPER'S CLUB

This week 26 families purchased Shopper Club Cards realizing a weekly profit of \$176.50 and Burrini's May–August 2015 has a year to date total of \$502.02 for a grand total of \$8,217.58. 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.

OUR APOLOGIES

We inadvertently forgot to include the name of Mike Dziomba in our "thank you's" for those who coordinated and worked so hard for our Nov. 14th Art Auction/Wine and Cheese event to support our sister parish, Holy Trinity in Passaic. Mike was the coordinator of the event and worked tirelessly for its success. Thank you Mike Dziomba!

2015–2016

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, December 7th, Tuesday, December 15th

7:30 – 8:15PM

Saturday, December 5th, 12th, & 19th from 4:15 - 4:45PM

FESTIVAL OF TREES

The Senior Resource Center of Chester, NJ is sponsoring its 12th annual Festival of Trees from **Saturday, Dec. 6th until Saturday, December 13th**. This fundraiser helps support year-round activities on behalf of area senior citizens. The theme of this year's Festival of Trees is "Christmas Then and Now." Enjoy the festive holiday trees on display, a silent auction, and tabletop to floor holiday trees for purchase. Monday & Wednesday 10:00 – 6:00; Saturdays 10:00 – 5:00 Tuesday, Thurs. & Friday 10:00 – 8:00; Sunday Noon – 5:00 Purchase advance tickets at <http://www.wmjwc.org>. Pictures with Santa: 12/6 and 12/13 from 11:00-3:00; 12/10 from 3:00-5:00; 12/12 from 4:00-6:00. Caroling and Wassail: 12/9 from 6:00-8:00. Sing-along and story time: 12/12 from 6:00-8:00. Admission \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and children under 12, and free for kids under 2.

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 11th so please call the parish office ASAP 973-584-1101.

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!

MONDAY DEC 8: THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, A HOLYDAY

This Tuesday, December 8th the Church celebrates the feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday and the patronal feast of the USA. Masses will be at 8 AM and 7:30 PM. This feast calls us to remember that in honor of her being called to be the mother of the Messiah Mary was conceived without original sin. As with all Marian feasts they are feasts of the Church because Mary is known as the Mother and model of the Church. We recall that we too by the grace of the gift of our Baptism are called to be sinless and to overcome the sin and darkness of our world.

ADVENT & THE YEAR OF MERCY

"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 1st and on **Thursday mornings** at 7:30 AM beginning December 3rd. All men and women of the parish are invited! If you have any questions please contact Moira Dziomba 973-584-3788

EXPERIENCING GOD'S MERCY AFTER DIVORCE

Please join us at Assumption Church, Morristown NJ on Wednesday, December 9th at 7PM in the Community Room for our Jubilee of Mercy Advent Series Experiencing God's Mercy After Divorce. The series will be led by Vince and Monica Frese who have minister to thousands of divorced Catholics through their book, support programs and workshops.

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. So far we have sold **130** raffle tickets. If you need tickets, you can pick them up at the raffle table in the gathering space, we will be in the gathering space starting the weekend of 12/12/15. We ask that you take additional envelopes extending the opportunity to win to family members, friends and business associates.

Ticket price is @50 each, buy 2 and get a 3rd FREE!

Again we will have 20 winners! Our summer 50/50 was very successful, we sold 795 tickets. 1st prize winner received \$4770 and the 19 2nd prize winners received \$795 each!

Our raffle will be taking place here at St. Matthew's on Sunday December 20th at 3:15PM following our Christmas Concert, only a short few weeks away. Winners will have some extra money for Christmas Shopping!

Please purchase your tickets today. Thank You for Your Support!

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON

Avoid the word "holiday" in shopping and greeting people/Jews and Moslems are not upset. The small group of atheist band secularists try to rob us of our very identity. Wish our Jewish brothers and sisters "Happy Hanukah"

- ✓ Do not rush Christmas. Enjoy Advent. Be sure to set up and use an Advent wreath. Easy to find online or in local shops. If we push Christmas so early we will be tired of it by the time the feast comes. Remember as Catholics we only begin to celebrate Dec. 24-25 and continue the celebration of the following three weeks.
- ✓ Encourage our children to recapture the traditional Christmas carols which speak of the birth of Christ.
- ✓ Wait awhile to put up the Christmas tree and keep it up to Epiphany January 3
- ✓ We celebrate the birthday of Jesus, no one else's for December 25th if you send out Christmas greeting with family photos and messages please be sure to include some kind of Christmas Holy card or remembrance. See our bulletin for details.

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 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

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 or email at jloveys@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 or Liz Ritter at eritter62@yahoo.com. With any questions.

ADVENT EVENING WITH RABBI MANASHE

The Monday evenings with Rabbi Menashe East have been canceled for the Advent Season. We will consider bring Rabbi back for Lent.

A BIG THANKSGIVING THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parishioners who participated in the turkeys, rice, corn, and beans drive this year. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to distribute 467 frozen turkeys, as well as bags of rice, corn and beans to families for Thanksgiving. You are the heart and hands of Jesus Christ. Thank you and God Bless you!

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL DAY

Sunday, December 13th is National Children's Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for all children who have died. There is nothing more devastating to a family than the death of a child. Sadly thousands of families face this tragedy each year, our whole society experiences this loss as well for we are all diminished by the death of every one of our young people, whose love, laughter, talents and achievements bring so much joy to our lives and so much promise to our future. In honor of this day please light a candle in your home at 7pm in memory of all the children who have left this world way too soon. In doing this you will join with tens of thousands of families and friends around the globe as they light candles to honor the memories of children who have died, but will never be forgotten. Like a ring, this circle of light surrounding the globe represents that there is no beginning and no end for the love we carry for our children. It will exist forever. In addition there will be a string of lights in the prayer garden at St. Matthews beginning on December 5th, feel free to bring a photo of a child that you are grieving the loss of and hang it on the string of lights. We suggest you laminate the photo first. There will be clothes pins on the lights for you to use. The string of white lights will shine brightly in the dark winter nights to represent God's light shining in the darkness of our grief.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU Once again!!!

Once again our Thanksgiving Day food drive for Trinity Lutheran Church in Dover was a major success. While we had to do it a bit different again this year with new regulations, we were able to cook over 90 pounds of turkey here in St. Matthews kitchen, deliver over 25 pies and several gallons of Apple Juice to those in need. We had a tremendous "crew of helpers" once again on Thanksgiving morning. We were blessed with many adults, young adults and youngsters who helped us cut, heat, wrap, clean up and then deliver the food to the Dover kitchen. We raised \$340 in Shoppers Club cards. Since not all the club cards were used for this event, they were passed on for use in our Trinity Kitchen effort held this month. Again, thank you for your generous support through Shoppers Club cards, pies and juice. As always, when asked to help, members of this parish are just outstanding. Thank you and God bless your generosity. Deacon Ed and Sandie Keegan

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT A GREAT SUCCESS

On Nov 21 we had our second Family Movie Night for young families featuring the animated film UP. It was a great time for all, adults and kids alike. Thanks to Liz Robinson and the members of the Social Committee who worked so hard putting the evening together. The committee workers were Pete and Rosanna Pasquale, Lisa Garcia, Tim Ramirez, Mariana Nieto, Amanda Sanchez, Nick and Beth Hart, Angie and Josh LaDieu. We look forward to our next gathering for Family Movie Night this winter.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, January 30, 2016

Cornerstone Reunion Dinner

Celebrating our Men's 10 year anniversary and
our Women's 11th year retreat

Our 5:00 PM Mass will be
dedicated to Cornerstone

followed by our annual Cornerstone Soup Dinner
Please fill out the RSVP form which is located in the
gathering space
and leave in the Cornerstone box
by January 16, 2016

Any questions please contact-

Lori Ann Gaudioso at lagaudioso105@gmail.com

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.

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 11th 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, 973-584-1101, so we can extend the healing hand of the Lord to them! All information will be kept confidential.