

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, February 22**

**8:00AM** James Boyd

**TUESDAY February 23**

**8:00AM** Emily Cyrier

**WEDNESDAY, February 24**

**8:00AM** Edward VanAlstyne

**THURSDAY February 25**

**8:00PM** Don Carney

**FRIDAY, February 26**

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

**SATURDAY, February 27**

**5:00PM** Frank Cerny

Sr. M. Aurelia Cerny

**SUNDAY, February 28**

**8:00AM** Frank Cerny

**10:00AM** Rita Curran

**12:00PM** Claudette Yurchuk

**5:00PM** Nancy Loughlin Hawkinson

Anne Duane



## 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)

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## 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, Chris Groh, Bridget Hochstuhl, and James Latham.

## Second Sunday of Lent

**Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9



## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February 21<sup>st</sup>

**SUNDAY, February 21...**FF Weekend, Men's Cornerstone 1PM - 5PM, Laudato Si 6:30PM. .

**MONDAY, February 22...**AA Mtg 9:30AM, Altar Server Training 6PM, Reconciliation 7:00PM, RCIA 7:30PM, Lenten Prayer Service 7:30PM.

**TUESDAY, February 23...**Boy Scouts, Rosary 7PM, Stations of the Cross 7:30PM, Lenten Program 8PM.

**WED. February 24...**AA Mtg 9:30AM,

**THUR. February 25...**Rosary 7:30AM, AA Mtg 9:30AM, All Choirs,

**FRIDAY, February 26...**AA Mtg 9:30AM, Healthy Bones 10:30AM.

**SUNDAY, February 21...**FF Weekend, Men's Cornerstone 1-5PM. Laudato Si 6:30PM.

## EASTER BASKET 2016 COLLECTION

Continuing our mission to support our sister parish, Holy Trinity in Passaic NJ, we'll again be collecting items to prepare Easter baskets and goodie bags for 400-500 children at Holy Trinity. Please consider helping out by donating any of the following items:

**Medium size Easter baskets, candy-filled plastic eggs, (or small plastic eggs and small wrapped Easter candy) small chocolate bunnies, small Easter toys. We can also use a supply of cellophane basket bags to wrap baskets in.**

Items can be dropped off in the bins in the Gathering Space during mass and also during religious education class times between now and **Sunday, March 20th at 12 noon**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Noreen Cassidy at norharri1@verizon.net or call 973.989.1654. We appreciate your generous donations! Noreen Cassidy, Chair.

## PARISHPAY ONLINE GIVING

A Secure and Convenient way to make offertory contributions to St. Matthews from the comfort of your home or any place with internet access. ParishPay allows you to make donations anytime (one-time, weekly, monthly or annually) based on your personal schedule and family budget. No need to hassle with checks or cash. ParishPay offers multiple methods to make donations: credit card, debit card or eCheck. ParishPay enables donations to second and special collections too. ParishPay offers the ability to review your monthly donations, change your account preferences and donation amounts at any time, and will email an annual tax statement detailing your donations. It is easy to sign up. Simply visit [ParishPay.com](http://ParishPay.com) or contract the parish office.

## SHOPPER'S CLUB UPDATE

St. Matthews invites you to participate in a unique opportunity to help with our fundraising efforts through our Shopper's Club Program. St. Matthew's receives a profit from 4% to 10% for every purchase you make through our participating businesses.

We are excited to announce the addition of Verona Restaurant to our Shopper's Club Participating Restaurants and Markets which include Burrini's, Rosies, Randolph Diner, ShopRite, ACME, Sussex Market and Amazon. Shopper's Club cards are available after mass in the gathering space or during the week in the office for the restaurants and grocery stores with the exception of Burrini's and Amazon.

At Burrini's just mention you are a St. Matthew's parishioner at checkout and 5% of your purchase will be donated to St. Matthews. When shopping at Amazon.com, go on-line through St. Matthew's website "Support Our Church" link and earn St. Matthew's 4% - 8.5% for every purchase made. Thank you in advance for making this fundraiser a success!

## LENTEN EVENING PRAYER-MON. FEB 22<sup>nd</sup>

Please join us in the chapel at 7:30 PM for half an hour of evening prayer and song to help center ourselves during this season of prayerful reflection.

### MEN'S CORNERSTONE

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16 Pope Francis declared this year The Year of Mercy. In doing so, he extended an invitation to experience the love, kindness and unbound generosity found through this powerful blessing. This act of divine compassion is able to transform your life, your relationships, your work and your ability to embrace all of your life. It is with great honor that we have dedicated the 10th annual Men's Cornerstone retreat to the power of mercy. Cornerstone is a 26 hour retreat which provides you with the opportunity to experience a sharing of faith and spiritual growth through personal reflection, prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a casual atmosphere, free of the pressure to share in discussion. The retreat is facilitated by a team of parishioners who have previously attended Cornerstone weekend. They will share their stories of trying to live the Gospel amidst the challenges of the modern world, a truly moving event. We hope that you accept our invitation to "Experience the Power of Mercy" with us on February 26 to February 27, 2016. To sign up or for more information, please contact Aaron Milliner, aaronmilliner2@gmail.com, 973-944-8968.

### COFFEE TEA AND COMARADERIE AKA WOMEN OF FAITH

We are a group of women of various ages nourishing our faith through prayer, learning, laughing and sharing our stories over a cup of tea! Come join us and bring your cup. We will be meeting from 1p-2:30 in the Library at St. Matthews, on Feb. 25th, March 17 and 31, April 14 and 28, May 12 and 26th. If you have any questions please call Moira at 973-584-3788. *Be empowered to live God's Word and Love like Jesus!*

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION "WELCOME HOME"

Every Monday evening  
February 15 – March 14 - 7:00 PM-8:15 PM  
Saturdays 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM  
*Individual appointment available*

### LENT AND LAUDATO SI

Lent invites us to come to the desert: to strip away the clutter of what separates us from God so we can reconnect with our inner Spirit and what connects us to each other, to God. Similarly, Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si invites us to come to the desert... Not create one.

Laudat Si calls us to consider the basics of the world in which we live, to strip away the clutter of our attitudes/habits which keep us from making the sacrifices needed to make a better world. It invites us to reconnect with ourselves as PART of the world and not Master of it...to educate ourselves and act so, in the Pope's words...continue with the "reckless complacency" consuming goods without thought to their source or where the waste goes. We have chosen to focus on four of the basics. Please join us for four evening of learning, discussing and planning as we consider Water, Our Food, Technology and Our Treatment of the World.

**Sundays: February 21, 28 and March 6 at 6:30 PM in the Library. (Each evening will be approximately an hour to an hour and a half.)**



### LAST CALL FOR OUR "OWL" EVENT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

As part of their discipleship training, the Confirmation Candidates for the Class of 2017 will be hosing "OWL" for the senior members of our parish. OWL stands for "Our Wise Leaders" and will begin with a special Mass of Anointing, followed by a luncheon and fun activities with the teens. Their mission is to honor their elders who have walked the path of faith before them and promote mutual respect between the younger and elder generations.

OWL will take place on Saturday March 12, 2016 from 11am to 1pm. If you are a senior citizen, please plan on joining us, we look forward to getting to know you. Pre-registration is requested. Please call Lisa Garcia or Imelda Brown 973-543-2727 to register 973-543-5418.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL ENVELOPES

The company used to print and mail our Bishop's Annual Appeal remittances inadvertently put the Diocese of Trenton's Appeal return envelopes in our Appeal's February mailing. New envelopes are being mailed out Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### THE YEAR OF MERCY THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

In celebration of the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis we will have the opportunity to practice the corporal works of mercy in this Lenten season. We will do so through our ongoing parish support of the Missionaries of the Poor in Haiti at Cap Haitian. We ask that each household of our parish donate the items that follow on three of the Sundays of Lent. Receptacles will be provided in the Gathering Space.

**FEBRUARY 28: "Clothe the Naked": Please donate new children's T-Shirts we are asking for each family to donate no more than 1 or two gently used sports/t-shirts per family, elastic waist kids gym shorts, and or adult sweat or gym shorts with a waist of 28-32.**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

As has been our custom, the Stations of the Cross (starting at 7:30PM) will be followed by an opportunity to grow in our journey with God in coming to a deeper understanding of who God is and how we can better serve in the work of evangelizing in our culture which is more and more secular.

We will have five one hour sessions in viewing and discussing the very well done video program of Bishop Robert Barron entitled, "The Mystery of G: Who God Is and Why He Matters". We ask each participant to bring along his/her Bible for reference in the sessions. We have used many of Barron's presentations in the past and they have been very well received.

Please join Deacon Larry in Heritage Hall for our 2<sup>nd</sup> session on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8-9PM; "The Paths to God"

### PRAY THE ROSARY

Why not make praying the ROSARY part of your Lenten journey? Come pray with us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00PM, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 and/or on Thursday mornings at 7:30 before the 8:00AM Mass!

## ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT SUMMER & GETTING AWAY?

If so, there is a possibility for you to get a week or weekend at the beach, in the mountains or at a resort, while helping support our parish community. Our Major Fundraising Committee plans two (2) 50/50's per fiscal year and when needed an additional project. We truly appreciate the generosity of so many through our 50/50's. These events have provided support in maintaining our budget keeping our community alive.

Our Major Fundraiser Committee is planning a Summer Getaway Raffle for April/May this year, just in time for the upcoming summer months. If you have a well maintained vacation home, rental property or timeshare in the mountains, at the beach or at a resort and are willing to donate a week or weekend, we would like to hear from you. We are looking for 3 to 4 vacation properties to offer in the raffle. Your name will remain anonymous until the winner contacts you. The winner will be responsible for transportation and security deposit.

If you can help us, please contact Leslie Doherty at:  
[leslie.doherty@stmatthewsrandolph.org](mailto:leslie.doherty@stmatthewsrandolph.org) or 973-584-1101 ext. 203

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT UPDATE

SATURDAY March 12, 2016 from 2:00PM – 9:00PM

Many of our parishioners share in the gift of marriage and their sacrament truly touches the lives of us all. We have created a great opportunity for our married couples to come together for quality time together through reflection and sharing with the theme of 'The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Marriages'. The half-day event includes a special mass for couples and a beautiful candlelit dinner with dancing; free babysitting by reservation is also available. Join your fellow parishioners and our presenters Linda and Jim Baratte for a truly special event and a fun night, celebrating marriage as the gift of love, commitment and community that it truly is! The cost is \$65 per couple but seating is limited so please sign-up early or take a full-table with friends! For information contact Ann Piovano at [ann.piovano@gmail.com](mailto:ann.piovano@gmail.com)

## OPERATION RICE BOWL

**SECOND WEEK OF LENT HUNGERING FOR A HEALTHY START** - The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family-feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet? Visit [csrkricebowl.org](http://csrkricebowl.org) for more information

## SECOND OFFERING –THIS WEEKEND

This weekend's offering for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminated the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations provide affordable shelter and training to seminarians, in addition to providing pastoral care and catechesis. It helps restore the Church and build the future in the region.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Sisters of Christian Charity in Mendham seek a part-time Development Associate (DA) to join their Development Team. The DA would be responsible for developing, coordinating and implementing all phases of fundraising in a manner that promotes and enhances the mission and ministry of the Sisters of Christian Charity. Bachelor Degree required. Send resume and direct inquires to Eileen Davis at [bus.manager@scceast.org](mailto:bus.manager@scceast.org).

## 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.

**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 a while 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.

## THE GIFT OF CONFESSION BY POPE FRANCIS

Excerpt from Pope Francis' latest book "The Name of God is Mercy"

**Interview:** Why is it important to go to confession? You were the first Pope to give confession publicly during the penitential liturgy in St. Peter's ... Isn't it enough to repent and ask for forgiveness on one's own, and sort things out with God alone?

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**Pope Francis:** Jesus said to his apostles: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:19-23). Therefore, the apostles and all their successors—the bishops and their colleagues the priest—become instruments of the mercy of God. They act *in persona Christi*. This is very beautiful. It has deep significance because we are social beings. If you are not capable of talking to your brother about your mistakes, you can be sure that you can't talk about them with God, either, and therefore you end up confessing into the mirror, to yourself. We are social beings, and forgiveness has a social implication; my sin wounds mankind, my brothers and sisters, and society as a whole. Confessing to a priest is a way of putting my life into the hands and heart of someone else, someone who in that moment acts in the name of Jesus. It's a way to be real and authentic: we face the facts by looking at another person and not in the mirror. Saint Ignatius, before changing his life and understanding that he had to become a soldier of Christ, fought in the battle of Pamplona. He was a soldier in the army of the king of Spain, the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, and he confronted the French army. He was seriously wounded and thought he was going to die. There was no priest on the battlefield. So he called a comrade in arms and confessed to him; he told him his sins. Being a lay person, the soldier could not absolve him, but the need to face another person and confess was so strong that he decided to do it like that. It is a beautiful lesson. It is true that I can talk to the Lord and ask him for forgiveness, implore him. And the Lord will forgive me immediately. But it is important that I go to confession, that I sit in front of a priest who embodies Jesus, that I kneel before Mother Church, called to dispense the mercy of Christ. There is objectivity in this gesture of genuflection before the priest; it become the vehicle through which grace reaches and heals me. I have always been moved by the gesture in the tradition of Eastern churches, where the confessor welcomes the penitent by putting his stole over the penitent's head and an arm around his shoulder, as if embracing him. It is a physical representation of acceptance and mercy. We are reminded that we are not there to be judged. It's true that there is always a certain amount of judgement in confession, but there is something greater than judgement that comes into play. It is being face-to-face with someone who acts *in persona Christi* to welcome and forgive you. It is an encounter with mercy.