

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, February 29**

**8:00AM** Marie DiFabritis  
Lillian Suchyta

**TUESDAY March 1**

**8:00AM** Vincent Morrelli

**WEDNESDAY, March 2**

**8:00AM** Evelyn Guzo

**THURSDAY March 3**

**8:00PM** Albert Sadowski

**FRIDAY, March 4**

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

**SATURDAY, March 5**

**5:00PM** Joan Faber (Mass Intention)

**SUNDAY, March 6**

**8:00AM** Harry Kime

**10:00AM** Ezequiel Fernandez

**12:00PM** Jerry Sullivan

**5:00PM** Ronald Stepnick



## 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

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Deacon Larry D'Amico, Permanent Deacon

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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.

## Third Sunday of Lent

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

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

**First Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

**First Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February 28<sup>th</sup>

**SUNDAY, February 28...**FF Weekend, Men's Cornerstone 1-5PM. Laudato Si 6:30PM.

**MONDAY, February 29...**AA Mtg 9:30AM, Reconciliation 7:00PM, RCIA 7:30PM, Search 7PM.

**TUESDAY, March 1...**Boy Scouts, Rosary 7PM, Stations of the Cross 7:30PM, Lenten Program 8PM, Women's Cornerstone T-1 7:30PM.

**WED. March 2...**AA Mtg 9:30AM,

**THUR. March 3...**Rosary 7:30AM, AA Mtg 9:30AM, All Choirs.

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

**SATURDAY, March 5...**

**SUNDAY, February 28...**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., March 7<sup>th</sup>

Please join us in the chapel at 7:30 p.m. for half an hour of evening prayer and song to help center ourselves during this season of prayerful reflection. Enjoy a few peaceful, quiet moments opening our hearts to a closer encounter with our Lord.

## 4-WEEK BIBLE STUDY CLASS- Beginning in April

If you would like a deeper appreciation of the Mass readings, more confidence in our Bible-based faith, or if you would just like to experience the fascinating story of salvation history, please join us in April for "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible".

Through videos and group discussion, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" helps you uncover the salvation story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about. (Note: This is an abridged version of the 24-week Bible Timeline and a revised version of the "Helicopter Tour of the Bible" that we offered in 2013).

**Dates:** April 6, 13, 20, 27

**Time:** 7:00- 8:30

**Price:** \$13.00 (plus shipping) for workbook

**Meeting Place:** St. Matthews, in Heritage Hall or Bauer Room

**Contact:** Suzanne Johnson, suzj238@verizon.net or 973-361-1028. To register: <http://evangelization.com/pick/randolph-nj-st-matthew-the-apostle-church>.

## MARTHA & MARY'S

Where are you...right now? As women we're master multi-taskers; or so we think! And then add technology to that and oh boy! What are we missing; WHO are we missing by not being mindful by not being present to the moment....there is a reason it's called "present" because it's a GIFT being Right HERE! Right NOW! Come join in Saturday, March 12th when we look at the GIFT/ the potential miracles of being Right here! Right now! – totally PRESENT to the moment to God, to each other. There'll be chocolate, exercises and plenty of good sharing. Hope to see you Here! We meet in Heritage Hall at 8AM.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### "WELCOME HOME"

Every Monday evening

February 15 – March 14 - 7:00 PM-8:30PM

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, and 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.)**

## ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT FOR "OWL" EVENT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

As part of their discipleship training, the Confirmation Candidates for the Class of 2017 will be hosting "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.



## 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 Ed Keegan in Heritage Hall for our 3<sup>rd</sup> session on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 8-9PM; "Providence and the Problem of Evil"**

## 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!

## FOOD PANTRY THANKS YOU

Thank you to all of the parishioners who recently donated canned and dry goods to our food pantry. Because of your generosity, we were able to distribute 250 bags of food to the Interfaith Food Pantry in Morristown and the Carmelite nuns in Chester. You have shown great mercy for those in need this Lenten season.

## WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

April 22 - April 23, 2016

*"Beautifully Rooted -- Bloom Where You Are Planted"*

Cornerstone is a 26-hour retreat that provides you with the opportunity to experience a sharing of faith and spiritual growth through personal reflection, prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The retreat is facilitated by a team of parishioners who have previously attended a Cornerstone weekend. They will share their stories and experiences of trying to live the Gospel amidst the challenges of the modern world, a truly moving experience. **For more information, please contact: Buffie Hyman buffiehyman@gmail.com).**

### THANK YOU 6TH GRADERS!

A big thank you to all of the 6th graders, their families and catechists for opening your hearts to the homeless. Your act of mercy this Lenten season was outstanding as you donated backpacks filled with blankets, coats, hats, gloves, socks, water, dry goods, and toiletries. As all of your donations were distributed, we heard words like lifesaving, life giving, heartwarming, and joyous. You are truly wonderful. Thank you and God Bless you.

### 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

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

**THIRD WEEK OF LENT HUNGERING FOR A HEALTHY START** – The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we're reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org)

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your gift is an expression of solidarity with the suffering people of this region. Through joining in the work of this collection, you are helping to restore the Church and build the future; [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

### 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:** What can you tell us about your experiences as a confessor? I ask because it seems to have profoundly marked your life. During the first Mass you celebrated with the faithful after your election, in the parish church of St. Anna, on March 17, 2013, you spoke of the man who said: "Oh, Father, I have done some terrible things!" to which you replied, "Go to Jesus, he forgives and forgets everything." In that same homily you reminded us that God never tires of forgiving. A bit later, during the Angelus, you reminded us of another episode, the one of the old lady who said to you as she confessed that without the mercy of God, the world would not exist.

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**Pope Francis:** I remember that episode very well: it is fixed in my memory. I can see her in front of me now. She was an elderly lady, small, tiny, dressed all in black, like many of the women you see in parts of Southern Italy, Galicia, or Portugal. I had recently become auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires and we were holding a large Mass for the sick in the presence of the statue of the Madonna of Fatima. I was there to take confession. Toward the end of the Mass I got up because I had to leave, I had to celebrate a confirmation. That's when the lady appeared, elderly and humble. I turned toward her and called her *abuela*, grandmother, as we do in Argentina.

"*Abuela*, do you want to confess?"

"Yes," she replied.

And since I was ready to leave, I said: "But if you have no sins..."

Her answer was swift and immediate: "We all have sins."

"But maybe the Lord can't forgive them," I said.

"The Lord forgives everything."

"How do you know?"

"If the Lord didn't forgive everything, our world would not exist."

It was an example of the faith of simple people who are imbued with knowledge even if they have never studied theology. During that first Angelus, I said—so that people would understand—that my reply was: "You must have studied at the Gregorian University!" In fact, my real answer was, "You must have studied with Royo Marin!" this was a reference to the Dominican priest Antonio Royo Marin, the author of an important work of moral theology. I was struck by that woman's words: without mercy, without God's forgiveness, the world would not exist; it couldn't exist. As a confessor, even when I have found myself before a locked door, I have always tried to find a crack, just a tiny opening so that I can pry open that door and grant forgiveness and mercy.