

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, March 28

8:00AM Anita D'Amico

TUESDAY 29

8:00AM Dancsecs Family

WEDNESDAY, March 30

8:00AM Sr. Aurelia Cerny

THURSDAY March 31

8:00PM Michael Simko

FRIDAY, April 1

8:00AM All Deceased Parishioners of St. Matthews

SATURDAY, April 2

5:00PM Louis Chisena

SUNDAY, April 3

8:00AM Frank Cerny

10:00AM George Barna

12:00PM Deceased Members of the Falletta & Racioppo Family's

5:00PM Frederick T. Backer



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.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12;

or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

First Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

First Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31



EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 27th

SUNDAY, March 27...Happy Easter (No 5PM Mass)

MONDAY, March 28...AA Mtg, RCIA 7:30PM, SEARCH 7:30PM, Parish Office Closed Easter Monday.

TUESDAY, March 29...Boy Scouts 6:30 PM, Rosary 7PM, Women's Cornerstone T-11 7:30PM.

WED. March 30...AA Mtg 9:30AM.

THUR. March 31...AA Mtg 9:30AM, Rosary 7:30AM.

FRIDAY, April 1...AA Mtg 9:30AM, Bible Study 9:30AM, Healthy Bones 10:30AM.

SATURDAY, April 2....Bible Study 9:30AM.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday, March 28th and reopen Tuesday, March 29th –Thursday, March 31st 9AM – 4PM and Friday, April 1st 9AM – 1PM. The Parish Staff wish you all a very blessed Easter Season!

CATHOLICISM SERIES

Fr. Dan lent out his Catholicism Series a few months ago and it was returned missing the booklet for Chapter #7. If you borrowed the series recently please check to see if you mistakenly kept booklet #7 and return to the office. Thanks.

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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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 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!

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

If you are interested in registering with St. Matthew's please ask Fr. Dan, Fr. Kamil or one of our Deacons for a pre-registration form or contact the parish office to find out when our next welcome meeting is. 973-584-1101 and ask for Karen or Terry.

ALTAR SERVERS

There is nothing more beautiful and uplifting than seeing young people around Christ's Altar. Yet, being an Altar Server is also a big challenge. Altar Servers are those who assist priest at Mass but also who by their life give beautiful testimony of Christian life. Our parish is particularly blessed and privileged to have so many boys and girls serving at Mass. On Holy Thursday, March 24th, 2016 11 young people joined the Altar Serving Ministry. We thank: Ryan Almero, Vincent Dimichino, Tyler Fabin, James Fusco, Chritine Hamilton, Jacquelyn McDonough, Chisom and Nnedi Okoy, Molly and George Smith and Luke Vega for making this commitment. God bless you!

OPERATION RICE BOWL 2016

Hungering For Celebration – We prayed, fasted, and gave alms—and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own heart, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord—and in the lives we've changed this Lent all over the world! Please return your offering in the form of a check to St. Matthew's by April 13th 2016. Receptacles can be found in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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).**

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENING

It's that time again; St. Matthew's want to honor our volunteers! An email went out earlier this week which invited all active volunteers, over 21 years of age, to an evening of appreciation. If for some reason you did not receive an invitation (Evite) please call or email Terry Shaw at 973-584-1101 ext. 205 terry.shaw@stmatthewsrandolph.org. Hope you can make it! Remember to check your spam folder.

COMMUNION & PROM OUTFITS AND ALSO WEDDING DRESSES

Please help by donating gently used Communion and Prom Outfits (boy's suits, girl's dresses, shoes, gloves, veils, accessories, etc.) or if you have an old wedding dress you are looking to donate to our needy sister parish of Holy Trinity in Passaic. Please place all donations on the hanging clothes rack in the Gathering Space. For more information please contact Martha Toledo at marthaotoledo@yahoo.com or call 973-933-2228.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Paterson, is seeking applicants for the 2016-2017 school year for the following positions: **Principal, St. Patrick Elementary School, Chatham, NJ.** Info. & application materials can be found at <http://www.patdioschools.org/administrative-openings>. Mary Baier, Superintendent of Schools

ALLELUIA, HE IS RISEN!

Come pray the Rosary with us during this Year of Mercy, on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 and on Wednesday mornings at 7:30! All men and women of the parish are invited! If you have any questions please contact Moira Dziomba 973-584-3788.



FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Faith Formation registration for students in K – 11 is now open! Emails, with forms attached, were sent to all currently registered families on March 21st - please contact the Faith Formation office if you did not receive an email. The registration parent letter and all forms may be accessed under the Faith Formation Youth tab on our website: www.stmatthewsrandolph.org as well. Forms are also available in the Gathering Space. To ensure that your child is placed in the session of your choice and to take advantage of the "Early Bird Tuition Discount," please return all forms by **April 25, 2016.**

SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Per Diocesan Policy, all Catholic School students preparing for reception of Confirmation are to participate in their Parish Community's Sacramental preparation programs.

Students entering 9th grade in September 2016 are reminded to enroll for Faith Formation classes.

The preparation and the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation are parish-based. The parish is the center of lifelong faith development; therefore, it is essential to integrate youth into the life of the parish. Students who attend Catholic high schools and wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation need to enroll in their parish Confirmation program. (from Sacramental Policies and Guidelines, Diocese of Paterson) Please register your child as stated above. If you have any questions please contact Pat D'Amico, Dir. of Faith Formation (contact info on front of bulletin)

SUMMER GETAWAY RAFFLE

We are excited to announce a Summer Getaway Raffle here at St. Matthew's. Raffle will take place here on Sunday April 24th at 1:15PM following our Noon Mass.

We will award 3 fantastic vacation prizes. Tickets are \$50 each, buy 2 tickets and get a 3rd ticket FREE! Tickets and complete details will be mailed to all parishioners the week of March 28th. Raffle sales begin the weekend of April 2nd & 3rd.

Please purchase your tickets early. Ticket drop box will be in the gathering space starting April 2nd. Members of the Major Fundraising Committee will be available in the gathering space the weekends of April 16th and 23rd to answer questions and assist with additional purchases

Good Luck in the Raffle and Happy Vacation!
Major Fundraiser Committee

EASTER BASKETS

This year, Noreen Cassidy led one of our largest groups of volunteers in putting together all the donations for the Easter Baskets for Holy Trinity Parish, Passaic, NJ, have assembled a total of over 500 baskets and goodie bags. The assembly day went smoothly and only took about two hours to pack and wrap all the baskets & goodie bags. Delivery is done to Holy Trinity parish during Holy Week. All items are donated by our parish families. A big thank you to everyone who donated their time and/or items to help bring smiles to young children's faces on Easter morning!

BRIDGES OUTREACH

Our participation dates for BRIDGES OUTREACH are confirmed for this year. BRIDGES OUTREACH provides food and other necessities to the needy in various areas in NJ and NY. We will be serving in Irvington, NJ. The ASSEMBLING dates are all on Saturday evenings, with the RUNS the following (Sunday) mornings:

- June 4- 6PM, June 5-9AM
- July 30-6PM, July 31-9AM
- October 1-6PM, October 2-9AM
- December 3-6PM, December 4-9AM

Each time we will be assembling approximately 150 bag lunches. Volunteers are needed to sign up for food items and non-perishable goods (napkins, spoons, etc.), assembling the lunches and serving. Lists will be advertised 3 weeks prior in the bulletin. In addition, for the first and third runs (June 5 and October 1), we will also be assembling 75 toiletries kits. Items needed for the toiletries kits are things such as toothbrushes, personal-sized toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, etc. WHILE TRAVELING, IF YOU CAN TAKE THE UNUSED PRODUCTS FROM HOTELS, THEY WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. A container for your donations will be provided in the gathering area marked BRIDGES. For more information, please contact Debbi Tavares at debbifreedom@optonline.net. Your participation is a blessing to those less fortunate. Please participate and donate generously.

THANK YOU FROM THE SENIOR CITIZENS

Dear 10th Grade Confirmandi,

We, the senior citizens of St. Matthew's parish, wish to thank all the wonderful, attentive, and polite sophomores, who took such good care of us at the OWL (Our Wise Leasers) Luncheon; and all the teachers and helpers and decorators, who made it one of the most remarkable parties we've ever been to. Thank you so much! We are so proud of you, God bless you all. Gratefully, the seniors.

THANK YOU FOR OUR OWLS PROJECT

On Sat March 12 our 2nd year Confirmation students hosted the Senior Citizens of our parish and Sunrise House to a wonderful time to show their appreciation to the seniors for being Our Wise Leaders. We began with a celebration of the Anointing of the Sick followed by a wonderful luncheon served by our teens and some great music, entertainment, interaction among the teens and seniors. Our young people provided a true sense of hospitality and warmth to our seniors. Both the teens and the seniors truly enjoyed the interaction. This was the group service project which is a part of our Confirmation process at St. Matthew's. Special thanks to Imelda Brown and Lisa Garcia and several parents of the Year II candidates who organized and helped the teens with the project.

THANK YOU TO OUR MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT TEAM

Our parish was a lively place on Sat March 12 as we also offered our Marriage Enrichment day as a part of our Lenten renewal. Thirty seven couples took part in an afternoon facilitated by Jim and Linda Baratte to reflect on The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Marriages. We had group sharing and most importantly dialogue among the married couples. We followed with a renewal of vows at the Sat 5 PM Liturgy and then a beautiful candle light dinner including playing and dancing to each couple's "wedding song". Thank you to the great team who worked so hard to plan and led the day: Rick and Ann Piovano, Tom and Paulina Galda, Tom and Diana Padula, Vinnie and Patty Abrusia, Pete and Roseann Pasquale and Maurizio and Rosangela Monaco. Thanks too to the daughters of the Galdas and Monacos who offered babysitting.

PLEASE WELCOME ST. MATTHEW'S RCIA CANDIDATES

Jacquelyn Ciardi - Being a part of St. Matthews RCIA program has been such an amazing experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed learning about our religion and becoming a member of the Parish. I decided to embark on this journey so that my husband and I could raise our future family as members of the Catholic Church. We greatly appreciate the warm welcoming from the St. Matthew's Community!



Nick Caruso- My wife Theresa and I were married nearly eight years ago at St. Cecilia's church in Rockaway. Just before our marriage, we moved into our home in the Shongum section of Randolph. While St. Cecilia's offered a long history for my wife (from Baptism, First Communion, to Elementary school from Kindergarten to Eight Grade at St. Cecilia's School, to Confirmation and then Marriage), we wanted to join a parish closer to home with the same welcoming congregation we were both accustomed to. Fortunately our second service at St. Matthew's cemented that great feeling. For us, probably like many other new families, it was Father Dan's persistence to remember our names at the end of worship that made us feel part of the family.



Like Theresa, I too had a very strong connection to my Lutheran church growing up (from Baptism to First Communion to Confirmation). Although my faith growing up differs in some aspects, there are numerous similarities in both religions that allow me to understand and participate in worship at St. Matthews on a weekly basis with my family. For me, RCIA was the next step in joining the religious family of St. Matthews.

These days, you'll probably notice us in the back of 8:00 AM Mass with our three children – Nicholas, age 5, Autumn, who just turned 3 last week, and Dylan who is near 8 months old. Already St. Matthews and the Catholic religion has become a building block for the kids – Nicholas attends St. Cecilia School every day for Pre-K4 (which seems so long ago from when he played Baby Jesus in Christmas Eve 2010 service at 4 weeks old) to Autumn beginning St. Cecilia School in September for Pre-K3. It is with RCIA where my wife and I can proudly raise our children with a strong religious foundation at St. Matthews just as our parents have done with us.

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.

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

A WELCOME FROM A NEW JERSEY PASTOR MIRRORS OUR THOUGHTS AT ST. MATTHEW'S

A special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, or yo no habla Ingles. There is a place for you if you are over 60 but not grown up yet or a teenager growing up too fast.

We welcome soccer moms; NASCAR dads; NY Jets, NY Giants, Philadelphia Eagles, and Chicago Bears fans; starving artists; tree-huggers; those in recovery and those who are still addicted. We welcome you if you sing like Pavarotti or can't carry a note in a bucket. You are welcome here if you're just browsing, just got bored at the bus stop, just woke up, or just got out of jail.

We don't care if it is your first Sunday at church or whether you've been to Church more times than the Pope. We welcome you if you are having problems or are feeling overwhelmed or if you don't like "organized religion." If you are looking for a fresh start, a fresh cup of hot coffee, or a hug from a new friend; there is a place for you here. We welcome those who are wearing "Church clothes" and those who are wearing their only clothes.

We are so glad to see those who are inked, pierced, or both, those who could use a prayer right now, those who haven't been to church since Aunt Carol's funeral, and those who got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts, and jaded cynics, the lost, the found...and you!