

| MASSES FOR THE WEEK                                  |  |
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| <b>SATURDAY, January 6</b><br>5 PM                   | Dorothy Cunningham<br>Joan Scharf  |
| <b>SUNDAY, January 7</b><br>8 AM<br>9:30AM<br>11 AM  | Grace Scotto<br>Harry & Philip Redlich<br>George Orefici<br>Carmen Rivera    |
| <b>MONDAY, January 8</b><br>8AM                      | Virginia Shea<br>Benito Lupo   |
| <b>TUESDAY, January 9</b><br>8AM                     | Brian Burns<br>Maureen Kravitz   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, January 10</b><br>8 AM                 | Mike Karbonik<br>Essie Jones<br>Alfonse Rende                                |
| <b>THURSDAY, January 11</b><br>8 AM                  | Doris Stockhausen  |
| <b>SATURDAY, January 13</b><br>5 PM                  | Joseph Walsh<br>Mary Keegan  |
| <b>SUNDAY, January 14</b><br>8 AM<br>9:30AM<br>11 AM | Mary Keegan<br>Nadia & Hiram Tarapasade<br>Thomas McCloughy<br>Grace Caffrey |

**OUR PARISH PRAYERS**

*“For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven...”*

**A time to be born...**We pray for all those who will be baptized this weekend: Raegan Frances Costello daughter of Francesca & Stacie Lentini-Costello.  
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**\*A time to heal...**We pray for all the sick of our parish and especially for : *Ina Balash, Anne Baldi, , Filomena Bocchino, Elizabeth Boyer, Fran Brooks, Michael Boughton, Jerimiah Crowley, Connie Dziomba, Joseph Enders, Martene Errico, Mary Gordon, Chris Groh, Eri Keegan, Jim Klucharits, Laco Rontsinsky, Carolyn McGinley, Carol Robinson, Sal Sacco, Nicholas Vacca and Scott Wilson.*  
*\*Names will remain on our sick list for three months after which time, unless we are notified to keep them on the list, they will be removed.*  
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**A time to die...**please pray for our recently deceased: Gloria Dowd, mother of Cecilia Kwilos, John Potter's uncle, Arthur Potter father of John Potter and Alfonso Napoliello, father of Al Napoliello

Please have your 2017 year end contribution to St. Matthew's into the Parish Office by Monday, January 15th. Any contributions received after that date will be credited to 2018.

|                            | Oct.     | #   | Nov.      | #   |
|----------------------------|----------|-----|-----------|-----|
| Envelopes & Loose Cash     | \$22,136 | 124 | \$17,669  | 124 |
| ParishPay                  | \$16,099 | 142 | \$19,212  | 150 |
| Total                      | \$38,235 |     | \$36,881  |     |
| YTD Budget                 |          |     | \$186,141 |     |
| YTD Offering               |          |     | \$178,740 |     |
| YTD Deficit                |          |     | (\$7,401) |     |
| <b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b> |          |     |           |     |
| Catholic Home Missions     |          |     | \$1,482   |     |
| Building & Maintenance     |          |     | \$2,295   |     |


**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**  
**January 7, 2018—Epiphany of the Lord**

*“..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...” - MATTHEW 2:11*


Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

**ONLINE GIVING – WeShare**  
**It's safe. It's simple. It's convenient.**

Please prayerfully consider giving to our parish family online as it does benefit our parish in many important ways. The practice of Christian stewardship in doing online giving provides the opportunity for planned giving in what we offer back to God. It benefits our parish by helping to streamline our administrative process and at the same time provides more accurate budgeting. Anyone who would like to join online giving can use the link provided on our website.



**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12  
**Monday:** Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12  
**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17  
**Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



**RECONCILIATION**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated each Saturday at 4:30 PM before the evening Liturgy or by appointment at another time.

## *Thru the Pastor's Desk*—By Stephanie Toledo

If you've seen a high school junior or senior walking around with a big, wooden cross around their neck and a big smile across their face, they probably just got back from the SEARCH Retreat! SEARCH is a peer-led, high school retreat for juniors and seniors from St. Matthew, Resurrection, and St. Therese. Teens spend a weekend learning about themselves, their peers, and their relationship with the Lord. Ask any teen who has attended SEARCH and they will attest that the retreat is an undesirable and incredibly powerful experience. These teens are acting as true disciples. They are going out into the world expressing their faith with enthusiasm, grace, and joy. The entire high school recognizes students come back from the SEARCH weekend because of the joy and life brought in. These teens are facing adversity from their peers, teachers, and community. However, they stand up for their faith and know that they have their "SEARCH fam" to back them up. At the last SEARCH follow-up, the teens discussed ways they can maintain the "Jesus high" feeling they get after a retreat and continue to nurture their relationships with each other and the Lord. The adult team and I encouraged the teens to get involved in their church's youth ministries! For more information about the March SEARCH Retreat coming up or about Axis Youth Group, contact Stephanie Toledo.



### **YOGA CONTINUES AT ST. MATTHEW'S**

Please consider joining us for Yoga every Wednesday evening: Yoga Ease 5:30-6:30PM and Vinyasa Yoga 7:00-8:00PM. Purchase four classes for \$35.00 or ten classes for \$80.00, \$10 walk in fee. Please come five to ten minutes early to class to sign in and set up. Remember to wear comfortable clothes, bring a mat, a strap (or man's tie) and bottle of water. Home for college? Student discount \$7.00 per class.

A portion of the proceeds will help defray cost for Hope Builders.

### **NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION**

Why not make praying the Rosary one of your New Year's resolutions? "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). Come pray with us on Monday evening at 6:30 PM or Monday thru Thursday at 7:30 AM prior to the 8:00 AM Mass. All men and women of the parish are invited! If you have any questions please contact Moira Dziomba 973-584-3788. Not sure how to say the Rosary? No worries, there is no experience needed! We hope you can join us.

## **EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

**SUN., Jan. 7...**Faith Formation Weekend

**MON. Jan. 8...**AA Meeting 9:30 AM, Rosary 6:30AM, Bible Study 7PM, RCIA 7:30PM.

**TUES., Jan. 9 ...**AA Meeting 9:30 AM, Boy Scouts 7PM.

**WED., Jan. 10 ...**AA Mtg 9:30 AM, Haiti Meeting 7PM.

**THUR., Jan. 11 ...**AA Mtg 9:30 AM, Women of Faith 1:30PM, Choir Practice, AXIS Youth Group 7:30PM.

**FRI., Jan. 12 ...**AA Mtg 9:30 AM, Heathy Bones 10:30AM.

**SAT., Jan. 13 ...**Boy Scout Meeting PLC 10:30AM.

**SUN., Jan. 14...**

**MON. Jan. 15...**AA Meeting 9:30 AM, Rosary 6:30PM, RCIA 7:30PM-Parish Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Day.

**PLEASE HELP YOUR SELF TO A  
2018 PARISH CALENDAR!  
They can be found in the  
Gathering Space**

### **JANUARY AXIS EVENTS!**

#### **Youth Group Meetings:**

Axis Youth Group always meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. This month's meetings are Thursday, **January 4<sup>th</sup> (Theme: Faith)**, and Thursday, **January 18<sup>th</sup> (Theme: Honesty)**. Meetings are held in the Teen Room from 7:30-9PM. Hope to see you there!

#### **Teen Mass:**

Teens are invited to hang out in the Teen Room on Sunday, **January 14<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30AM before the 11AM Mass. We will have light refreshments and snacks along with games. We then go to Mass together! See you there!

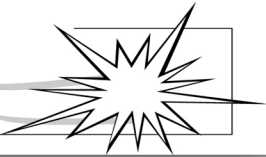
#### **Laser Tag Trip:**

On Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, Axis Youth Group will be going Laser Tagging at Circle Lanes! **RSVP by January 21<sup>st</sup>!** The RSVP form is in the bio of our Instagram @axis\_youth\_group or just email Stephanie!

#### **Ping Pong Tournament:**

On Saturday, **February 18, 2018**, Axis Youth Group will be hosting our second annual Ping Pong Tournament Fundraiser. Adult prisoners can go head-to-head with teens in hopes of being the final champion! The tournament starts at noon and will run until 6PM. There will be food, refreshments, and music. It is \$10 to enter the tournament but all donations are welcomed. Sign up to play or bring your family to join the cheering section! Any questions or concerns email Stephanie at [stephanie.toledo@stmatthewsrandolph.org](mailto:stephanie.toledo@stmatthewsrandolph.org).

# Epiphany



## SAVE THE DATE!



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018 2-4 PM**  
here at *St. Matthew the Apostle*

A group of our Confirmation students **WILL BE HOSTING A 'BABY SHOWER' FOR THE YOUNG MOTHERS AND MOTHERS TO BE OF 'SEVERAL SOURCES SHELTER'.....** a shelter for teens and young mothers located in Ramsey, NJ. Please see the information on the insert in this weeks bulletin about how you can contribute and be a part of this fun day.

If you would like to know more about Several Sources go to [www.severalsources.org](http://www.severalsources.org).

Let's come together to show our love and support from St. Matthew's!!!!

## MARCH FOR LIFE

This year the March for Life will be held in Washington, D.C. on January 19, 2018. It will be the 45th anniversary of the passage of the land mark decision of Roe v. Wade that made abortion legal for the entire country. Our people from the Paterson Diocese will board buses to go to Washington, D.C. to show solidarity against abortion and stand for life issues. They will join three hundred to four hundred thousand marchers from all over the world to make their statement for the sanctity of life in the womb. As in the past years, the media will ignore this large number of marchers and give little or no mention of this momentous occasion.

Buses will be leaving from the parishes listed below:

St. Mary - Denville - 973-627-2596

Independent - Chester - Aschlaflly@aol.com

St. Michael - Netcong - 973-670-7457

St. Joseph - Mendham - 908-347-9660

St. Jude the Apostle - Hamburg - 973-827-8030

St. Vincent de Paul - Stirling - 908-647-0118

St. Vincent Martyr- Madison - 973-408-9042

Our Lady Queen of Peace - Branchville - 973-948-3185

Holy Family- Florham Park - Tinarifr@shu.edu

Once again, Mass will be offered at Saint Peter's Church on Capitol Hill on the day of the March at 12:10 p.m. Any priests wishing to concelebrate should contact Fr. Michael Rodak at 973-827-8030.

For any other information, please contact Dr. Mary Mazzarella (973-777-8818 x269).



## COFFEE TEA AND CAMARADERIE

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. New dates for 2018 are January 11 and 25, February 15, March 1, 15, and 29, April 19, May 10 and 31. We meet from 1:00-2:30 PM in the Library at St. Matthew's. If you have any questions please call Moira at 862-251-4129. Be empowered to live God's Word and Love like Jesus. And don't forget your cup!



Be a Hope Builder! Join us as we travel to Kentucky to help build and repair houses for the working poor.

We are still looking for teens and adult chaperones!

Please fill out the "Intent to Participate" form from the St. Matthew's website and submit it along with your check for \$150.00 as soon as possible.

Thank you! You'll be glad you did!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SAVE THE DATE!

### MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

February 23rd & 24th

### WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT March 9th & 10th

## A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THEIR HELPERS!

Have you really taken the time to look around our church this Christmas? Have you stopped for a moment before entering the courtyard and admired all the beautiful garlands and bows and trees and lights? Each item placed so perfectly as to complement each other. How blessed we are here at St. Matthew's Parish Family to have parishioners who share their time and talent with us all and help to enhance our Christmas Season with beautiful decoration. Thank you to Tom and Peggy Ann Meola who led the team of Kenny Schaebe, Dr Richard Christie, Mike Dziomba, Walt Lambert, Trudy Dancsecs, Angel and Elva Soto, Celeste DiGisco, Paul Sarno, and Vince Nolan,



***A BLESSING FOR OUR YOUNG MEN & WOMEN WHO RECEIVED  
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018***

*May you feel God's presence in your lives as you journey together.*

*May you undertake with generous hearts and souls whatever God asks of you.*

*May you be renewed in the Holy Spirit.*

*May almighty God bless you in the Name of the Father,  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Regan **Riley** Almero

Kaitlyn **Hope** Attinello

Kate **Lawrence** Boyer

Taylor **Nicole** Brady

Danielle **Catherine** Buccelli

Jack **Christopher** Byrne

Kirsten **Felicity** Calantone

Matthew Ciuzio

Abigail **Gobnata** Corrao

John **David** DeOliveira

Hannah **Angela** DeOliveira

Madeleine DiFusco

Angelina **Kateri** Dimichino

Thomas **Sebastian** Ferry

Jacob **Sebastian** Flowers

Abigail **Joan** Gerace

Bridget **Elizabeth Mary** Gray

Theresa **Anne** Hamilton

Allison **Catherine** Hart

Kimberly **Jean** Hofmeister

Adam **Thomas** Hoolahan

George **Florian** Houston

Antonio **Francesco** Inchiappa

Leanne **Nicole** Jensen

Grace **Lucy** Judith

Zachary **Anthony** Kozma

Abigail **Faith** Loveys

Joseph **Christopher** Mancuso

Carley **Rose** McInerney

Annalisa **Francis** Mechanick

Katelyn **Patricia** Messina

Brian **Patrick** Murphy

Nicole **Albertus** Nissel

Matthew **Ignatius** Pasquale

Dominica **Agatha** Piatek

Claudia **Joan** Pietrus

Hannah **Cecilia** Pizzi

Caroline **Elizabeth** Potter

Stephanie **Rose** Renna

Michael **Jerry** Rosario

Diana **Adelaide** Sebastian

Aislin **Gianna** Silver

Brendan **Xavier** Spellman

Olivia **Rose** Vanderbilt

Gianna **Marie** Villoresi

Mackenzie **Jane** Vorel

Victoria **Anne** Zacieracha

# Valentine's Dinner Dance

**SAVE THE DATE!** - Mark your calendar for Haiti Hope and Promise inaugural Valentine's Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 7-11 PM at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in Randolph, NJ. We will be honoring our very special guest, Dr. Eugene Maklin, Director and Founder of New Hope Hospital in Plaine-Du-Nord, Haiti. He is coming all the way from Haiti to spend a great night with us full of food, music, and charity! Official invitation to follow! Learn more about Haiti HAP at [www.haitihap.org](http://www.haitihap.org).

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday, January 20, 2017 2:00-8:00 PM

*The Risen Lord is asking you: Could you now spend one hour with me? (Matthew 26:40).* We welcome you to spend some quality time with the Lord. Our next date of Eucharistic Adoration is Wednesday, December 20th from 2-8PM. The sign-up book is in the Gathering Space. Walk-ins are welcome. Any questions, please call Trudy Dancsecs at 973-584-1317.



## MARTHAS AND MARYS

SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 20TH  
8:00AM

## ST. MATTHEW'S NEEDS HELPERS WITH THE SACRED LINENS!

We are in need of people to help each week wash and iron the Sacred Linens. This only takes about one hour of your time once a month. At this time we have a team of three people. Please consider joining this wonderful ministry. If you have questions or are interested, call Terry at 973-584-1101 #2.

## 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, Confirmation Sunday evenings Please contact Moira Dziomba at 862-251-4129 with any questions.

**LOW GLUTEN 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-MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** 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.

**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. Sean, 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 better yet, you can call Terry Shaw at 973-584-1101 ext. 2 and she will mail you a registration form. There are many wonderful happenings going on at St. Matthew's and we want to make sure all our parishioners are in the know!

**RECONCILIATION:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated each Saturday at 4:30 PM 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.



# AXIS YOUTH GROUP

Text @axisyouth to 81010 to get text message reminders of events! Follow us on social media for more information, pictures, and updates! Instagram: @Axis\_Youth\_Group, Facebook: @AxisYouth.

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The Chester Volunteer First Aid Squad, along with the Chester Volunteer Fire Department, are sponsoring a blood drive through the American Red Cross on January 11, 2018, at the Chester Fire House, which is located at 86 Main Street, Chester. The drive will take place from 3-8 PM. Please strongly consider coming out to donate, as you could help save multiple lives! Please email Kelly Banko at kbanko@villanova.edu with any specific questions you may have. Hope to see you then!

## PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACT PERSONS

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### AXIS YOUTH GROUP

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Darcy & Michael Ronchi 973-328-4573

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973-538-0967

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