

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>SATURDAY, January 27</b> 5 PM	Ralph Lilore Mary Keegan
<b>SUNDAY, January 28</b> 8 AM 9:30AM 11 AM	Elizabeth Briant Anne Nesbit Raymond Radner Jr.
<b>MONDAY, January 29</b> 8AM	Leonard Swell
<b>TUESDAY, January 30</b> 8AM	Chester Sesko
<b>WEDNESDAY, January 31</b> 8 AM	Louise Garramone Mary Barrett
<b>THURSDAY, February 1</b> 8 AM	Richard "Pete" Smith Mary Ruane
<b>SATURDAY, February 3</b> 5 PM	Richard "Pete" Smith Betty Walsh
<b>SUNDAY, February 4</b> 8 AM 9:30AM 11 AM	Mark Hofmeister Anne Duane George Orefici Theresa M. Nielson

## 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:

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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, Jeremiah Crowley, Eleanor Doyle, Joseph Enders, Martene Errico, Nicolas Finck, Mary Gordon, Eri Keegan, Jim Klucharits, Mary J. Meehan, 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: Ken Hauptvogel father-in-law of Alison Remick.



## DONATE YOUR ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE

St. Matthew's is looking for a few gently used artificial trees for the 2018/2019 Christmas Season, 3' to 8' trees.

Please contact Tom Meola at [973-895-4437](tel:973-895-4437) if you would like to donate a tree.

	Nov.	#	Dec.	#
Envelopes & Loose Cash	\$17,669	124	\$25,399	140
WeShare	\$19,212	150	\$17,780	149
Total	\$36,881		\$43,179	
YTD Budget				\$221,920
YTD Offering				\$228,446
YTD Deficit				\$6,526
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>				
Christmas			\$30,825	
Building & Maintenance			\$1,972	
Retirement Fund for Religious			\$2,670	
Haiti MOP Education Fund			\$1,320	

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**January 28, 2018—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32***

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future.



## 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.

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

**First Friday:** Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**First Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39




## 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 Deacon Rich Brady*

Hearing the Voice of God Have you ever wanted to hear the voice of God? When the people of Israel were in the Desert, after leaving Egypt, they were led by Moses to Mt. Sinai. This was their opportunity to meet the God who had saved them from slavery and who intended to form them as the people on earth. The Book of Exodus (20:18-21) describes the scene: The Lord came down to the top of Mt. Sinai and the people witnessed thunder, lightning, trumpet blasts and the mountain smoking - they all feared and trembled. The people begged Moses to act as an intermediary between the Lord and themselves fearing that hearing the voice of God would be too much for them and they would die. God granted them their request and has ever since spoken to his people through the prophets, and in particular, in Sacred Scripture. This was explained more fully by the Bishops who participated in the Second Vatican Council. In the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum) one of the documents of Vatican II, written by the Council Fathers, we read: "For in the Sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets his children with great love and speaks with them" (DV21). The Council Fathers went on to say: "and let them remember that prayers should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture, so that God and man may talk together; for 'we speak to him when we pray; we hear him when we read the divine saying' (DV25).

### **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. 28...**Faith Formation classes.

**MON., Jan. 29...**Rosary 6:30PM, RCIA 7:30PM.

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

**WED., Jan. 31 ...**AA Mtg 9:30 AM, Men's Cornerstone 7:30PM. Yoga 4:30, 5:30 & 7PM. .

**THUR., Feb. 1 ...**AA Mtg 9:30 AM, All Choirs, Women of Faith 2PM.

**FRI., Feb. 2...**AA Mtg 9:30 AM, Healthy Bones 10:30AM.

**SAT., Feb. 3 ...SUN., Feb 4...**Faith Formation classes.

**MON., Feb 5...**Rosary 6:30PM, Bible Study 7:00 PM, RCIA 7:30PM.



*Hear God's voice  
harden not your hear*

### **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. Hope to 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 parishioners 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).

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed**—This year's national celebration of Catholic education begins on Sunday, January 28th. Each day of the event-filled week provides students opportunities to share the joy and benefits of Catholic education in the Diocese of Paterson by honoring our communities: our parishes, our schools, and our nation. The overall theme of learning, serving, leading, and succeeding emphasizes the rewards of providing a Catholic school education for children. To learn more about activities scheduled around the Diocese, contact your local Catholic school or go to: <http://www.patdioschools.org/schoolfinder>.

# VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE

Tickets are on sale for \$45 per person for Haiti Hope and Promise's inaugural **Valentine's Dinner Dance** on **Saturday, February 10, 2018** from 7-11PM 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! Dress is "festive casual"! Special performance by Gabby Toledo. Register in Gathering Space or at [www.haitihap.org](http://www.haitihap.org).

## NEW TIME—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 February 15, March 1, 15, and 29, April 19, May 10 and 31. We meet from 2:00-3:30 PM in the Library at St. Matthew's. If you have any questions please call Moira at [862-251-4129](tel:862-251-4129). Be empowered to live God's Word and Love like Jesus. And don't forget your cup!

## 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 week's 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!!!!*



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!



Cornerstone

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT**  
**February 23rd & 24th**

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

## MESSAGE FROM DEACON ED

As many of you know my mother, Mary Keegan died in the Lord on December 6<sup>th</sup>. As a resident of Connecticut, all her services were held in her home parish in Southington. Over the past 32 years since my family and I moved to New Jersey, she spent many weeks each year in New Jersey and considered St. Matthew's her "parish away from home" since its inception. She has established friendships with many members of our community. Fr. Sean asked me and my family to consider having a Memorial Mass to celebrate her wonderful 100 years of life, so many of which included this community and its members. A Memorial Mass has been scheduled for 10:00AM Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Matthew's. All are welcome to join me and my family for this celebration of my mother's life. In her memory we have set up a Samaritans offering at St. Matthew's for the Faith Kitchen. We thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and outpouring of support during the past several months.

Deacon Ed, Sandie and Family

## 2017 TAX STATEMENTS



Statements of donations will be mailed to every parishioner currently using weekly envelopes who donated \$200 or more during 2017. Statements will be mailed before January 31, 2018.

If you receive your statement and find any discrepancies between your records and our parish records, please contact the Parish Office by email, [terry.shaw@stmatthewsrandolph.org](mailto:terry.shaw@stmatthewsrandolph.org) or by phone 973-584-101 Ext. 2. If necessary, we will reprint a corrected statement for you.

## MORRIS CATHOLIC ST. PATRICK'S DAY 5K RUN



Morris Catholic High School is holding its 7th Annual Crusader Challenge 5k Run on Saturday, March 17 at 9:00 AM at its Denville, NJ campus. Doors open at 7:30 AM. Proceeds benefit the Morris Catholic scholarship and athletic programs and the Denville Public Assistance Fund. \$25 registration fee up to March 9, 2017. \$30 registration fee after March 9 and day of race. For more information, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Denville/CrusaderChallenge5K> or contact [MC5KRace@gmail.co](mailto:MC5KRace@gmail.co)

## HAPPY NEW YEAR ALL!!



SERVING MEALS  
TO THE HOMELESS

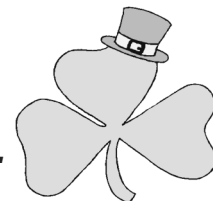
Thank you for all your help during December. We fed more than 80 people last month. We were also able to collect newly-crafted quilts from the Garden State Quilters, which went to people needing additional warmth. Jeff and Meri Boyer's daughter, Grace, collected almost 120 canned items from her schoolmates. Five Confirmation candidates helped cook. We also collected dozens of warm sox for the pantry to distribute on Mondays to our homeless folks, and most recently we donated hand/foot warmers to help people survive the freezing temperatures. All this, plus your food and monetary contributions. Bless you for your outpouring of kindness. Faith Kitchen takes place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. If you are interested in helping the "Faith Kitchen" please contact Doreen and Andy Guzo at [adguzoad@netscape.net](mailto:adguzoad@netscape.net).

## MATTHEW'S MEN IN FEBRUARY FEEDING THE HUNGRY

When Jesus instructed Peter to "feed My sheep" he was talking about much more than food. But access to that basic necessity, so often overlooked in our own lives, can be a challenge for many. This month Matthew's Men will deal with the issues of hunger, food insecurity, and how we can help. We'll hear of the many from the parish who cook for and serve at the Faith Kitchen in Dover, or who donate to Trinity Lutheran's food pantry, and what it means to them as men of faith. As Pope Francis said in 2014: "Hunger is criminal; nourishment is an inalienable right." All the men of the parish are welcome to join us on February 3 in Bauer Hall from 8:00 to 9:30 AM for breakfast. Come, share a meal and let's discuss meals for our less-fortunate brothers and sisters.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

***Hold on to your shamrocks and save the date... we're bringing back the St Patty's Day party to St. Matthew's on Saturday, March 17 from 7 to 11 PM! Join us for dinner, dancing, friends and fun! Tickets go on sale the weekend of February 10th!! Stay tuned, details to follow...***





## YOGA CONTINUES AT ST. MATTHEW'S

The regular schedule will resume  
Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

Please consider joining us for Yoga every Wednesday evening: Chair Yoga 4:30-5:15PM, 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.

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

## TREP\$ MARKETPLACE AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL (MENDHAM):

Come shop at the St. Joseph School TREP\$ Marketplace on February 5th from 6-8pm. The students have been taking part in an extra-curricular program called TREP\$ (short for entrepreneur). The Program teaches students in grades 5-8 how to start their own businesses in 6-8 weeks. They learn the lessons in the 6 weekly workshops, and apply them at home as they build their business. The whole community is invited to enjoy the TREP\$ Marketplace, in the St. Joseph School gymnasium, on February 5th from 6-8PM, where the young entrepreneurs launch their businesses together and sell their inventions.

## OPEN HOUSE AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL (MENDHAM) –

Come join SJS faculty, students, and families for an Open House on Sunday, January 28, 2018. Learn more about the outstanding academics in our Pre-K–8 programs and explore the SJS Makerspace where students' creativity comes alive! Our new Makerspace will extend our STEM curriculum by empowering students to explore their own interests and design capabilities. Mass will be at 11:30 AM, followed by an information session at 12:30 PM, and tours of the school beginning at 1:00 PM. For further details, visit our website at [www.sjsmendham.org](http://www.sjsmendham.org), or contact Lori Arends, Principal, at 973-543-7474, ext. 7. **St. Joseph School - National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence; AdvancEd Accredited**

**Pizza Night with Bishop - February 27 at Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta from 7 to 9 p.m.**

**Quo Vadis Days Discernment Retreat - June 27-29 at Saint Mary's Abbey in Morristown. Recovery Mass more detail to follow.**

**The Shrine of Saint Joseph**, 1050 Long Hill Road, Stirling, NJ, hosts a monthly Recovery Mass on the second Saturday of each month from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Following Mass, there is an Intercessory Prayer Session in the chapel where you can pray in community for loved ones still enslaved by addictions, and give thanks for those who have found recovery.

## 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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## 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.

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