

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, February 3 5 PM	Richard & Pete Smith Betty Walsh
SUNDAY, February 4 8 AM 9:30AM 11 AM	Mark Hofmeister Anne Duane George Orefici Theresa M. Nielson
MONDAY, February 5 8AM	Mark Hofmeister Matthew Cunningham
TUESDAY, February 6 8AM	Helen & Bill Dudash
WEDNESDAY, February 7 8 AM	Francisca Casanovas
THURSDAY, February 8 8 AM	Kathrine Power
SATURDAY, February 10 5 PM	Joseph Glassen
SUNDAY, February 11 8 AM 9:30AM 11 AM	Grace Scotto Gene Miranda Nadia & Hiram Tarapasade

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:

***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, Joseph Enders, Martene Errico, Nicolas Finck, Mary Gordon, Don Heil, 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.**

A time to die...please pray for our recently deceased: Elizabeth Boyer, mother of Jeff Boyer and Margaret Ciuzio, mother of Jay Ciuzio, Julia Sheppard sister of Loretta Dougherty.

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 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
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS				
Christmas			\$30,825	
Building & Maintenance			\$1,972	
Retirement Fund for Religious			\$2,670	
Haiti MOP Education Fund			\$1,320	

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 4, 2018—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - MARK 1:35, 38 In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45



RECONCILIATION

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

+++ To the Family of St. Matthew +++

During the week I received a Memorandum from the Vicar General of Our Diocese, Msgr. James T. Mahoney regarding the **Revised Liturgical Guidelines to Address the Massive Outbreak of Flu in our Country.**

The Memorandum notes that this flu season is one of the worst in 15 years. Therefore, Bishop Serratelli has issued the following guidelines for all liturgies in the diocese until further notice:

Weekday and Weekend Liturgies.

A widespread outbreak of flu requires precautions that lessen its transmission. Nothing can absolutely prevent spread of the flu virus but a few common sense recommendations can help to lessen the possibility.

If you don't feel well and suspect that you may have the flu: **Remain at home.**

- **Wash your hands frequently** with soap and water or an alcohol based hand cleanser.
- **Sign of Peace:** If you feel uncomfortable with exchange of the sign of peace through a handshake you are under no obligation to do so. You may extend the sign of peace to your neighbors by a nod of the head.
- **Distributing of the Eucharist:** Priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist must thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water or an alcohol based hand cleanser both before and after the distribution of the Eucharist.
- **Receiving Holy Communion in the hand** is the most practical means to distribute the Blessed Eucharist in a sanitary way.
- **Receiving the Eucharist** by also drinking the **Precious Blood** from the chalice is **discontinued** until the level of flu cases is dramatically decreased.

So, I would just like to add a blessing for all of us during this time of Flu Season. Hope all stay well and healthy.

Love and Prayers...Fr. Sean

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SUN., Feb 4...Super Bowl Sunday.
MON., Feb 5...AA Meeting 9:30AM, Rosary 6:30PM, Bible Study 7:00 PM, RCIA 7:30PM.
TUES., Feb. 6...AA Meeting 9:30 AM, Boy Scouts 7PM, Social Committee 7PM.
WED., Feb. 7 ...AA Mtg 9:30 AM, Men's Cornerstone 7:30PM, Liturgy Committee 7:30PM, Yoga 4:30, 5:30 & 7PM. .
THUR., Feb. 8 ...AA Mtg 9:30 AM, All Choirs,
FRI., Feb. 9...AA Mtg 9:30 AM, Healthy Bones 10:30AM, Haiti Dinner Set Up.
SAT., Feb. 10 ...Boy Scouts PLC 10:30AM, Haiti Valentine's Dinner Dance 7:30PM.
SUN., Feb 11...Faith Formation Weekend.
MON., Feb 12...Rosary 6:30PM, RCIA 7:30PM.

**ASH WEDNESDAY
SCHEDULE**

February 14, 2018

**Masses are 8:00 AM
and 7:30 PM**

5:00 PM Service



JANUARY AXIS EVENTS!

Youth Group Meetings:

Axis Youth Group always meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. Hope to see you there!



Laser Tag Trip:

On Saturday, January 27th, Axis Youth Group will be going Laser Tagging at Circle Lanes! **RSVP by January 21st!** 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.

FAITH FORMATION IS SEEKING HOST FAMILIES

Our 7th and 8th graders will be having a retreat day here at St. Matthew's on March 11th, put on by the NET Team. The NET Team is comprised of young adult Catholics who are proud to profess their Catholic faith. They are wonderful role models who give up a year in between employment or studies to travel throughout the country sharing their faith with young people. They are creative, prayerful, committed and have a wonderful sense of inner joy in preaching the Gospel. As a parish we find that bringing in "outsiders" to share the faith with our youth is quite effective.

Each parish that has a retreat is asked to have host families provide housing and meals during the teams stay in Randolph, which will be Sunday and Monday, March 11th and 12th. To this end we are asking our parish family to please prayerfully consider being a host family. If you are interested please call Moira at your earliest convenience. 862-251-4129. Thank you.

Save the Date for "An Evening with Sisters" - Friday, February 23rd from 7 - 8:30 PM at Morris Catholic High School (200 Morris Avenue, Denville). This event is open to high school and college aged women to enjoy an evening of conversation, prayer, food and fun! To RSVP and for more details, please email Sister Bernadette McCauley on or before February 20th: sbernadette@scceast.org



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!

MEN'S CORNERSTONE

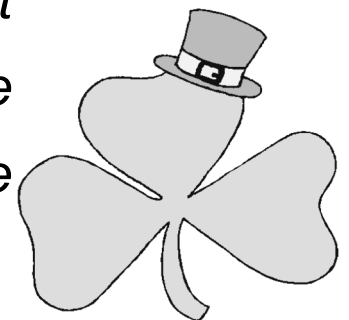
As our Lenten journey begins, we invite all men to join us on a wonderful retreat here at St. Matthews. Cornerstone is a refreshing break from everyday life. Please come and be renewed. This is your time! The retreat begins on Friday, 2/23/18 at 6pm and concludes on Saturday, 2/24/18 at 7pm.

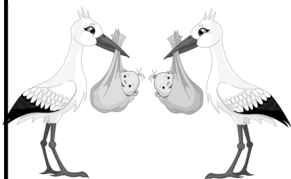
If you have any questions, please contact Mark Williams at mjwwill@aol.com or 973-270-7840. All are welcome.



HOLD ON TO YOUR SHAMROCKS AND SAVE THE DATE!

We're bringing back the St. Patty's Day party to St. Matt's on Saturday, March 17 from 7 to 11 PM! Join us for Corned Beef & Cabbage, Shepherd's Pie, Irish Soda Bread, dancing, friends and fun! The Potters will be making their famous Irish Coffee and remember to bring your bucks to get on your Irish "Swag!" Tickets go on sale the weekend of February 10th!! Stay tuned, more details to follow...





**A SPECIAL THANK YOU
FROM
FAITH FORMATION**

Last Saturday, January 27, 2018,
St. Matthew's hosted a Baby

Shower for young women who chose life for their babies,
and are being helped and supported by Several Sources
Shelters.

As part of their Discipleship Project, twelve students
from St. Matthew's Confirmation class of 2018, chose to
plan the Baby Shower for these young mothers of
Several Sources Shelters. The twelve girls who initiated
the Baby Shower project began planning in November
and worked very hard the last two months putting the
event together with their adult mentors, Marybeth
Boughton, Lisa Garcia and Imelda Brown.

Fr. Sean and I thank each and every one of you for your
generous hearts and your commitment to this project!
Not one detail was left out. Thank you, thank you!

We would also like to thank our very generous parish
family! Thank you for buying dozens of diapers and other
baby care supplies, as well as baby clothes, hand-knit
blankets, quilts and even strollers and car seats. Not
only have you shown and modeled for our Confirmation
students what it means to help others but you have also
blessed the women from Several Sources with much
needed items to help them care for their children. Thank
you, thank you!

Typical of most baby showers, there was lots of delicious
and healthy food, fun games and ohhhs and ahhs over
the adorable babies and young children that spent the
afternoon with us. Please check out all the photos on
Facebook!

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 or by phone 973-
584-101 Ext. 2. If necessary, we will reprint a corrected
statement for you.



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

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

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. Be empowered to
live God's Word and Love like Jesus. And don't forget
your cup!

CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Children who have been preparing for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on **retreat
Saturday, February 3rd** and will celebrate the
Sacrament for the first time on **Saturday, March 3rd
at 10:00 am**. Please remember these children
and their families in your prayers as they celebrate
God's love and forgiveness together.

**THE KINGDOM OF HAPPINESS: LIVING THE
BEATITUDES IN EVERY DAY LIFE**

We will use Scripture, the Catechism, small group
discussion, video teaching and real life profiles to
explore what Christ himself has set out for us to be truly
happy. This is a new approach. There is **NO
REQUIRED HOMEWORK**. You can read ahead if you'd
like. We are a great group of faithful people who like to
laugh and learn together. If you haven't joined us or it's
been awhile, please consider trying this program. Lent is
always a good time for a fresh look at your spiritual life.

We meet on Tuesdays at either 9:30 AM OR 7:00 PM.
You can come to whichever fits your schedule each
week.

All participants will have access to video lessons online
in case you cannot make a session.

Sessions begin on Feb 20 and end on April 17.

BUT WAIT - THERE IS MORE - As a bonus, our own
Jean Mindingall will give a presentation on the
Beatitudes and the Last Words of Christ on the Tuesday
of Holy Week (Mar 27). All are welcome, regardless of
registration to the program.

**The flyer is attached, on the website, stuffed in the
bulletin and on tables in the Narthex. Please RSVP
via this email ASAP if you plan to attend so I can
purchase materials. Then send in the registration
form/fee when you can.**

Invite a friend...Shannon Civetta 973-979-7864

Assumption College for Sisters' Gala Raises Scholarships Funds for Catholic Sisters

Making the education of a new generation of Catholic Sisters possible, Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, NJ will hold The Seventeenth Annual Caring Basket Gala on March 22, 2018. The gala raises scholarship funds for the education of Catholic Sisters from the developing world who do not have such an opportunity in their homelands. Upon completion of their degrees, the Sisters return to their communities equipped with the professional skills for ministry. The College is proud to present the Family Life Award to Kevin and Therese Coughlin of Basking Ridge, NJ, The Servant Leader Award to Msgr. George Hundt, pastor of St. Vincent Martyr, Madison, NJ, and the Spirit of the Heart Award to the Duphiney Family of Denville, NJ.

Do you know a family that needs help to afford the cost of preschool?

Preschool Advantage may be able to help!

Tuition assistance can make it possible for 3- and 4-year-olds in this area to attend a quality preschool program. Preschool Advantage has been assisting families in Morris and Somerset counties for 25 years. If the cost of preschool tuition is holding back a child you know from becoming prepared to succeed in school, get in touch with us! **Parents must demonstrate financial need.**

Children must be 3 or 4 years old by October 1, 2018



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.com.

Pizza Night with Bishop will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta from 7 to 9 PM. I ask your assistance in promoting the event among the young men in your parish by way of bulletin and pulpit announcements as well as personal invitation. Pizza Night with Bishop is a night of adoration followed by a talk by Bishop, fellowship; and of course, delicious pizza.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The Sisters of

Christian Charity in Mendham, NJ are looking for qualified candidates for the positions of CNA's and HHA's for the care of Sisters in their new Motherhouse. All shifts available; for more information please contact Lori Vernachio, administrator at 973-543-6528 ext. 268 or email administrator@sceast.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 11th 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. 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 washing and ironing the Sacred Linens. This only takes about one hour of your time once a month. At this time we have a team of four 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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