

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, February 10 5 PM	Joseph Glassen
SUNDAY, February 11 8 AM 9:30AM 11 AM (Intension)	Grace Scotto Gene Miranda Nadia & Hiram Tarapasade
MONDAY, February 12 8AM	Mary Elizabeth Black
TUESDAY, February 13 8AM	Theresa Johncocks
WEDNESDAY, February 14 8 AM	Diane Schork
THURSDAY, February 15 8 AM	Gerald F. Venable
SATURDAY, February 17 5 PM	Robbie Lundberg Rosaleen Fiocca
SUNDAY, February 18 8 AM 9:30AM 11 AM	Leonard Swell Diane Schork 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:

***A time to heal...**We pray for all the sick of our parish and especially for : *Ina Balash, Anne Baldi, , Filomena Bocchino, Fran Brooks, Michael Boughton, Jerimiah Crowley, Joseph Enders, Martene Errico, Nicolas Finck, Mary J. 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: Brian Savoy cousin of Deacon Ed Keegan.

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 11, 2018—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” CORINTHIANS 10:31 Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



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 William Ruane

Change – even simple change – is not easy. We see this in our everyday life. A promotion or a move to a new neighborhood, which are otherwise pleasant experiences, can be stressful as we learn to navigate new responsibilities or new directions. Growth, a certain type of change, is even more difficult. The metaphor of “growing pains” has its origin in the pain and discomfort that children sometimes feel as their bones grow to maturity. Why, then, should we not expect growth in our relationship with Christ to produce at times that same sense of unease, that ache in our spiritual muscles that comes from stretching toward God, toward our spiritual maturity? The answer is that we should expect it and should welcome it.

In his book *Mere Christianity* C.S. Lewis asks us to imagine ourselves as a “living house” which God comes in to rebuild. When we invite God into our life, it soon becomes apparent that the rebuilding of our living house may be more extensive than we had anticipated. God “starts knocking the house about in a way that *hurts abominably* and does not seem to make sense.” We might have been prepared for a little inconvenience to remedy some isolated problems in our lives or to be a somewhat better Christian, but God has bigger building plans.

“You thought you were going to be made into a decent little cottage,” Lewis writes, “but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.”

This Lent, why not invite God into your life for a rebuild? You might just be amazed at the extent of the renovations.

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.

WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

Each parish in the Diocese of Paterson (Passaic, Morris & Sussex Counties) will offer the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Monday evenings: February 19th & 26th and March 5, 12 & 19 from 7:00PM to 8:30PM.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SUN., Feb 11...Faith Formation Weekend.

MON., Feb 12...AA Meeting 9:30AM, Rosary 6:30PM, RCIA 7:30PM

TUES., Feb. 13...AA Meeting 9:30 AM, Boy Scouts 7PM.

WED., Feb. 14...AA Mtg 9:30 AM, Men's Cornerstone 7:30PM, Yoga 4:30, 5:30 & 7PM, Ash Wednesday 8 AM & 7:30 PM Mass, 5PM Service.

THUR., Feb. 15...AA Mtg 9:30 AM, Women of Faith 2PM, All Choirs, AXIS 7:30PM.

FRI., Feb. 16...AA Mtg 9:30 AM, Healthy Bones 10:30AM.

SAT., Feb. 17...Marthas & Marys 8AM, Bible Study 9:30AM, Ping Pong Tournament 12 Noon.

SUN., Feb 18...Faith Formation Weekend.



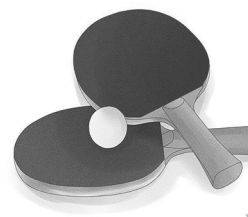
ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

February 14, 2018

Masses are 8:00 AM and 7:30 PM

5:00 PM Service

The offering taken supports Catholic Relief Services



FEBRUARY AXIS EVENTS!

Youth Group Meetings:

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

Ping Pong Tournament:

On Saturday, **February 17, 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.

MARTHAS & MARYS

February 11, 2018

4.1 Miles

What does 4.1 miles mean to you? Come explore and discuss the plight and issue of refugees in our country and worldwide. What is the Church/Pope Francis' official position?

What is it?

What do we think?

How can we live it?

All women are invited to the next Marthas & Marys (M & M's) on Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 8 am to 9:30 am in Heritage Hall.

Marthas & Marys (M&Ms) is a women's social group united in faith supporting one another to find the courage to allow God to satisfy our spiritual hunger and to guide our hearts and lives. Join us for a time of community, reflection, discussion and fun. No assignments to complete or homework. Just time with other women.

Morristown, NJ – The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education at the College of Saint Elizabeth is sponsoring a film screening of "No Asylum: The Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story" on Sunday, February 25 at 6 p.m. in the Annunciation Center on campus. The film covers the stunning discovery of Otto Frank's lost letters that chronicle his unsuccessful attempt to gain asylum for the Frank family in the United States.

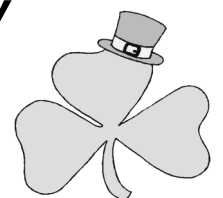
VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

St. Matthew's is in need of a volunteer to help with the Ministry Schedule. Training would be provided for as long as needed. Some computer and excel experience/knowledge is needed. If you are interested please call Terry at 973-584-1101 Ext. 2 or email terry.shaw@stmatthewsrandolph.org. Thank you for your consideration!



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, Chicken, Guinness Cheddar Irish Mac and Cheese, Irish Soda Bread, dessert, 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 17-18th!! Stay tuned, more details to follow...*

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+++ 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 the 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 the 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

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](tel: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 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. **Please consider attending the gala, held at the Hanover Marriott, Whippany, NJ or placing a congratulatory message in the journal for the honorees and the Sisters! Your support will make a difference in the lives of many through the education of Catholic Sisters. Teach a Sister...touch the world!**

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@sceast.org

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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