

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, March 3 5 PM	Thomas George Vetter
SUNDAY, March 4 8 AM 9:30AM 11 AM	Caroline McCann Nancy J. Venable Peter Spoto Thomas Mantell
MONDAY, March 5 8AM	Sarah Hallett
TUESDAY, March 6 8AM	Pat Della Piazza
WEDNESDAY, March 7 8 AM	Harry Kime Patrick McDonnell
THURSDAY, March 8 8 AM	Carolyn McGinley
SATURDAY, March 10 5 PM	Ann Rogers Joseph Walsh
SUNDAY, March 11 8 AM 9:30AM 11 AM (Intention)	Alfonse Napoliello Tom Baron Mary Keegan 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, Fran Brooks, Michael Boughton, Gina Ceva, Jerimiah Crowley, Joseph Enders, Martene Errico, Joe Fusco, Mary Gordon, Teresa Grabler, Don Heil, Jim Klucharits, Mary J. Meehan, Jim Monroe, Jack Naughton, Delia Oliva, Frank Panian, Carol Robinson, Sal Sacco, Christopher Torney, Nicholas Vacca, Scott Wilson and Deb Woodall-Routledge.**

***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: Maguit Morend mother of Christine Schuette

	Dec.	#	Jan.	#
Envelopes & Loose Cash	\$25,399	140	\$19,301	130
WeShare	\$17,780	149	\$19,680	154
Total	\$43,179		\$38,981	
YTD Budget				\$262,290
YTD Offering				\$259,148
YTD Deficit				(\$3,142)
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS				
Building & Maintenance			\$1,987	
Catholic Home Mission			\$1,642	

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 4, 2018—3rd Sunday of Lent

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - Exodus 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

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.

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

A note of thanks to the 6th, 7th and 8th grade Faith Formation students and their families who recently donated food & other items for the needy. Through Bridges Outreach, we went to Irvington yesterday and distributed most of what was donated to a rain-soaked gathering of about 50 people. They (and the Bridges staff) were so appreciative. Some extra items will be on hand for emergencies or as needed. Special thanks to Josh Fitzgerald and Angel Soto, the Bridges "angels among us" who helped distribute on a cold, rainy Sunday morning.



ST. MATTHEW'S ANNUAL EASTER BASKET COLLECTION

Continuing our mission to support our sister parish, Holy Trinity in Passaic, NJ, we will again be collecting items to prepare Easter baskets and goodie bags for over 400-500 children at Holy Trinity. Please consider helping out by donating any of the following items:

Medium size Easter baskets, candy filled plastic eggs (or empty plastic eggs and small wrapped Easter candy), small chocolate bunnies, small Easter toys, cellophane bags for baskets.

Items can be dropped off in the bins in the gathering space during Mass and also during religious education class times between now and Sunday, March 25th. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Noreen Cassidy at norharri@gmail.com or call 973.610.3065. I appreciate your generous donations!
Noreen Cassidy, Chair

MEN'S CORNERSTONE

This is Your Time - Christ is Risen - Invite Him In

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, April 20th at 6PM and concludes on Saturday, April 21st at 7PM.

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

ATTENTION CORNERSTONE TEAMS!!

Attend all previous Cornerstone Teams and Candidates! Please see following link for snack items that are needed for Women's Cornerstone Retreat weekend, which is March 9th and 10th. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Thank you. www.volunteersignup.org/tbdc3

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SUN., March 4...Faith Formation Weekend, Women's Cornerstone 1PM.

MON., March 5...AA Meeting 9:30AM, Rosary 6:30PM, Reconciliation 7PM, Bible Study 7PM, RCIA 7:30PM.

TUES., March 6...AA Meeting 9:30 AM, Boy Scouts 7PM, Stations of the Cross 7:30PM.

WED., March 7...AA Mtg 9:30 AM, Haiti 7PM, Women's Cornerstone Set-up, Yoga 4:30, 5:30 & 7PM,

THUR., March 8...AA Mtg 9:30 AM, Women's Cornerstone Set-up, All Choirs.

FRI., March 9...AA Mtg 9:30 AM, Women's Cornerstone Weekend, Healthy Bones 10:30AM.

SAT., March 10...Women's Cornerstone Weekend

SUN., March 11...NET Retreat for 7-8 Grades. Girl Scout Blessing Mass 9:30AM Mass.

THIRD ANNUAL OWL

A SPECIAL EVENT FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

As part of their discipleship training, the Confirmation Candidates for the Class of 2019 will be hosting "OWL" for the senior members of our parish, on March 24th. OWL stands for "Our Wise Leaders"! Our day begins with a Mass of Anointing at 11AM, followed by a luncheon and fun activities with the teens. The mission of our Confirmation Candidates is to honor their elders who have walked the path of faith before them and promote mutual respect between the younger and elder generations.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Matthew's Stations of the Cross will be on Tuesday evening

March 6th, 13th,
and 20th at 7:30 PM .

The SEARCH Weekend will be held on March 16th, 17th & 18th. Registration forms can be found on the St. Matthew's website:

www.stmatthewsrandolph.org

PRAYERS AND WELL WISHES FOR FR. SEAN

As we are keeping Fr. Sean in our thoughts and prayers these past weeks; we have become aware that many of you would like to send him correspondence. You may drop all letters and cards at the Parish Office and they will be forwarded so that he may receive them. Thank you.

Faith Formation Happenings—Autumn/Winter 2017-18

Our student disciples have been very active here at St. Matthew's. November was a busy month for our 1st graders, and 11th graders. First grade had their first ever retreat day. They went on a church tour, met and had a visit with Mary, and then put together a "Prayer Rock" to remind them to always say a prayer. The 11th graders had their Discipleship Presentations and were able to choose a special project to work on. Some helped out by preparing meals for Faith Kitchen, some planned and executed a fun day at the Department of Persons with Disabilities in Oak Ridge and some students moved and delivered furniture for Interfaith Furnishings. The last group, planned and put on a baby shower for Several Sources that was held here at St. Matthew's on January 27th. Each group of 11th graders put their heart and soul into their project and found out firsthand what it means to serve "the most vulnerable among us."

Also in November, our 9th graders prepared for Breakfast in Bethlehem. They spent time designing and building the sets, rehearsing the skit, planning the food and advertising etc., etc. On the day of the event, December 9th, Heritage Hall was filled with joyful, happy children of all ages. The 9th grade did an amazing job putting everything together and their performance was outstanding. They even got to spend time at the end with their first grade prayer partners. Speaking of which, we have our Prayer Partners Pizza Party this Sunday, March 4th for our First and Ninth Graders and our Second and Tenth graders.

On January 6th, Bishop Serratelli confirmed our 47 Confirmation candidates in grade 11. Despite the frigid temperatures the church was alive with the warmth of the Spirit. It was truly a Spirit filled celebration.

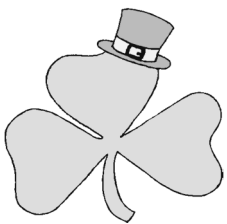
February 3rd was a special day for our 2nd graders to journey on Retreat with the Good Shepherd and learn more about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, March 3rd. Looking ahead to spring, our second graders will attend a First Eucharist retreat in April and celebrate First Holy Communion on May 5th.

Our 7th and 8th graders will be on Retreat with the NET Team on Sunday, March 11th. The students will be actively participating at the 11 AM Mass to kick off the retreat. We hope you can join us at Mass and meet the NET Team.

Presently, our 10th graders are planning and preparing for the 3rd Annual OWL Mass of Anointing and luncheon for the senior members of our parish family on Saturday, March 24th. If you are a senior, please RSVP and be with us for this reverent, and fun filled day when our teens honor and celebrate you, their elders.

Last but not least, we will be continuing our mission to support our sister parish, Holy Trinity in Passaic NJ. Our Faith Formation students will be donating items to prepare Easter baskets and goodie bags for over 500 children at Holy Trinity. Please consider helping out as well!

We are very proud of all our children here at St. Matthew's and are blessed to be able to share in their faith journey! May God continue to bless us all.



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 Murphy, Guinness Cheddar Irish Mac & Cheese, Irish Soda Bread, dessert, dancing, friends and fun! It's BYOB and The Potters will be making their famous Irish Coffee. Tickets will be \$30 per person and include some "Irish Swag" for partygoers. Tickets go on sale after all weekend Masses beginning February 17-18th!! Get your tickets now as they'll be going fast. If not sold out, last chance to get tickets will be March 11! Hope to see you there! ...

FAST AND ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on all Fridays during Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may fast on one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

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: March 5, 12 & 19 from 7:00PM to 8:30PM. Saturday's 4:30PM or by appointment.

OLMC School Information Night-At Our Lady of Mount Carmel, school is not a chore but a delight. Whether it's our Montessori Pre-Primary or our classical curriculum in grades one thru eight, we provide a rigorous yet nurturing atmosphere in which students joyfully encounter the extraordinary every day. Sound like something you'd want for your child? Stop by our first Information Night on Monday, March 5th from 6:00 until 8:00PM at 205 Oak Street, Boonton. For more information, visit www.olmc.academy or call 973-334-2777.

Assumption College for Sisters' Gala Raises Scholarship Funds for Catholic Sisters, making the education of a new generation of Catholic Sisters possible. Assumption College for Sister, Denville, will hold The Seventeenth Annual Caring Basket Gala on March 22, 2018 at the Hanover Marriott. The Gala raises scholarship fund for the education of Catholic Sisters from the developing world who do not have such an opportunity in their homelands. Your support will make a difference in the lives of many through the education of these Sisters. **Teach a Sister...Touch the World!** For more information: 973-957-0188 Ext. 101 or email gala@acs350.org or visit www.acs350.org

ST. MATTHEW'S WINTER

50/50 RAFFLE

More Chances To Win!

We now are at 338 tickets sold, 3 weeks (from Sunday) to the raffle! Purchase 2 tickets and get a 3rd ticket free!

RAFFLE TICKETS \$50.00 each

7 winners!

**Drawing 12:15PM Sunday
3/25/18**



A Musical Afternoon With Our Sisters

Join us for a very special concert on **Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 3 PM at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson** for *Our Sisters in Concert*. Several religious communities will be represented as they perform hymns and songs. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the talents and gifts of our Sisters who have dedicated their lives for the mission of the Diocese of Paterson. Also, free garage parking is available!

SISTERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a collaborative, faith-based national network that offers education, supports access to survivor services, and engages in advocacy in an effort to eradicate modern-day slavery. Flyers can be found in the Gathering Space with more information.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is Prayer and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil, and Community Outreach. Take part with Morris County Right To Life at Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960, 7AM to 7PM seven days a week from Ash Wednesday February 14 through Palm Sunday March 25. We invite pro-lifers as individuals or groups to participate. Bring signs to hold (except graphic type) or will supply as needed. Please register at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/morristown/>. Alternatively you may email: 44LifeUS@gmail.com or call 973-933-2800.

SAVE THE DATE

Msgr. Martin McDonnell will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his ordination with a 12:00 PM Mass on June 3rd at Good Shepherd Church, Andover and on June 10th at Saint Ann Church, Parsippany, should anyone wish to attend. Celebrations at both parishes are now in the planning stages.

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.

Quellen Spiritual Center in Mendham, NJ is offering a Spiritual Direction Training Program beginning September 2018 for those interested in becoming Spiritual Directors. Information and application forms can be found at our website www.quellenspiritualcenter.org You can also call Sister Teresa at the Center 973-543-6528 x 217 for more information.

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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