

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, February 1

8:00AM Delores Iannacone

### TUESDAY February 2

8:00AM Mary Ruane

### WEDNESDAY, February 3

8:00AM Jane Alba

### THURSDAY February 4

8:00PM Joseph Amato

### FRIDAY, February 5

8:00AM All Deceased Parishioners of St. Matthews

### SATURDAY, February 6

5:00PM Harry Sargent  
Julia Drumetski

### SUNDAY, February 7

8:00AM Frank Cerny

10:00AM Lynn Jones

12:00PM Frank Cerny  
Leslie Rupperecht

5:00PM Janine DeCostanzo



Rev. Daniel W. Murphy, Pastor (fr.dan)

Rev. Kamil Stachowiak, Parochial Vicar (fr.kamil)

Deacon Edward Keegan, Permanent Deacon  
(deacon.ed)

Deacon Richard Brady, Permanent Deacon  
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Deacon Larry D'Amico, Permanent Deacon  
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William Ruane

Moira Dziomba

## PASTORAL CARE

Kindly remember in your prayers the sick of our parish. May they experience the healing power of our gracious God: Matthew Augustine, Filomena Bocchino, Bridget Hochstuhl, and James Latham.

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

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

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

**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:** Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

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

**Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11



### EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 31<sup>st</sup>

**SUNDAY, January 31...**FF Weekend.

**MONDAY, February 1...** AA Mtg 9:30AM, Youth Group 7:30PM, Search 7:30PM, RCIA 7:30PM.

**TUESDAY, February 2...**Boy Scouts 6:30PM, Women's Cornerstone T-11 7:30PM.

**WED. February 3...**AA Mtg 9:30AM, Liturgy Mtg 7:30PM

**THUR. February 4...**AA Mtg 9:30AM, All Choirs.

**FRIDAY, February 5...**AA Mtg 9:30AM, Healthy Bones

10:30AM, Cornerstone Reunion Cooking, Bible Study 9:30AM.

**SUNDAY, February 7...**Scout Sunday 10AM Mass.

### THE SNOWFLAKE BASH

The Snowflake Bash is on for February 6th from 7 to 11pm!! If you're unable to make the new date, please email Beth Hart for a refund at [bethhart@optonline.net](mailto:bethhart@optonline.net).

There are a limited number of tickets still available so if you want to join us on the new date, please email Beth at the above email address by Monday, February 1st. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## PARISHPAY ONLINE GIVING

A Secure and Convenient way to make offertory contributions to St. Matthews from the comfort of your home or any place with internet access. ParishPay allows you to make donations anytime (one-time, weekly, monthly or annually) based on your personal schedule and family budget. No need to hassle with checks or cash. ParishPay offers multiple methods to make donations: credit card, debit card or eCheck. ParishPay enables donations to second and special collections too. ParishPay offers the ability to review your monthly donations, change your account preferences and donation amounts at any time, and will email an annual tax statement detailing your donations. It is easy to sign up. Simply visit [ParishPay.com](http://ParishPay.com) or contract the parish office.

## SHOPPER'S CLUB

This week 21 families purchased Shopper Club Cards realizing a weekly profit of \$149.25 and Burrini's September–November 2015 has a year to date total of \$339.36 for a grand total of \$447.50. Every purchase no matter how small results in profit for St. Matthew's. Remember, St. Matthew's realizes a profit of 5% of the face value of every Shopper's Card you purchase, at no cost to you. Mention St. Matthews when you check out at Burrini's and 5% **of your purchase will be donated to St. Matthew's. Also Randolph Diner, IHOP and Rosie's offers St. Matthew' 10%** when using their diners cards. All cards can be bought after Masses in the Gathering Space.

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT UPDATE

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016 2-8 PM**

So many of our parishioners share in the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage and their sacrament truly touches the lives of all of us. We want to offer the opportunity for married couples to come together to spend some quality time in reflection and sharing and have the opportunity to have a nice dinner afterwards with other couples in the parish. Our theme will be "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Marriages" and our presenters will be Jim and Linda Baratte. The Barattes have made this presentation in other parishes and have been very well received. Set the date and watch for more information to come.



## MEN'S CORNERSTONE

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16 Pope Francis declared this year The Year of Mercy. In doing so, he extended an invitation to experience the love, kindness and unbound generosity found through this powerful blessing. This act of divine compassion is able to transform your life, your relationships, your work and your ability to embrace all of your life. It is with great honor that we have dedicated the 10th annual Men's Cornerstone retreat to the power of mercy. Cornerstone is a 26hour retreat which provides you with the opportunity to experience a sharing of faith and spiritual growth through personal reflection, prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a casual atmosphere, free of the pressure to share in discussion. The retreat is facilitated by a team of parishioners who have previously attended Cornerstone weekend. They will share their stories of trying to live the Gospel amidst the challenges of the modern world, a truly moving event. We hope that you accept our invitation to "Experience the Power of Mercy" with us on February 26 to February 27, 2016. To sign up or for more information, please contact Aaron Milliner, aaronmilliner2@gmail.com, 973944-8968.

## MARTHAS AND MARYS IN FEBRUARY

"Has anyone ever mistaken you for Jesus: The answer just might surprise you" ***"Our role in life is to bring the light of our own souls to the dim places around us"*** Joan Chittister - Have you ever felt vulnerable? Has someone helped you who was Christ like? Do you recall an encounter where someone thanked you for a kind gesture or for the gift of your time and thought? What does it mean to be merciful? How has God's mercy touched you? If Jesus dwells within us, then let us devote some time to pray and reflect upon the ways we can feel his presence, in ourselves and in each other ... Come and listen...Come and share. Bring a friend. Join us for a Saturday morning respite for coffee and conversation on February 13, 2016, 8am-9:30 am in Heritage Hall. Our facilitators, Paulina Galda and Karen Williams will aid us in discerning this question: "Has anyone ever mistaken you for Jesus: The answer just might surprise you"

## WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

April 22 - April 23, 2016

***"Beautifully Rooted -- Bloom Where You Are Planted"*** Cornerstone is a 26-hour retreat that provides you with the opportunity to experience a sharing of faith and spiritual growth through personal reflection, prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The retreat is facilitated by a team of parishioners who have previously attended a Cornerstone weekend. They will share their stories and experiences of trying to live the Gospel amidst the challenges of the modern world, a truly moving experience. **For more information, please contact: Buffie Hyman buffiehyman@gmail.com).**

## NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Why not make praying the Rosary one of your New Year 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 during this Year of Mercy, on Tuesday evenings at 7PM and on Thursday mornings at 7:30! All men and women of the parish are invited! If you have any questions please contact Moira Dziomba 973-584-3788.

## APPEAL: DISH TOWELS

St. Matthew's kitchen is in need of new or gently used dish towels. If you'd like to contribute, please drop your donation on the stainless table in the kitchen. Thank you!

## WEATHER/EMERGENCY CLOSING PROCEDURE FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Please check St. Matthew's website for weather/emergency related cancellation of Faith Formation Classes – the announcement will be posted as early as possible at: [www.stmatthewsrandolph.org](http://www.stmatthewsrandolph.org) -- There will also be notice sent via the Parish Mobil app, and a telephone announcement message posted at **862-251-4129**. Please use caution and judgment as to whether the conditions are safe for your family. *In our continued effort to be sensitive to family life, we will hold "Virtual Class" in the event class is cancelled due to inclement weather. Children are to complete the missed lesson at home with the assistance of a parent/guardian. All texts have a syllabus attached to the inside cover; additionally the curriculum is posted on the parish website. After the review assessment is completed, please email results to your child's Catechist who will keep a record of the lessons completed at home. You will find the online instructions at [www.stmatthewsrandolph.org/faith-formation-for-youth](http://www.stmatthewsrandolph.org/faith-formation-for-youth). Follow the links that apply to your child.*

## FEBRUARY IS CHICKEN DINNER MONTH AT JT'S KITCHEN

Please help us supply the following items for our homeless neighbors by donating one of these food items for JT's Kitchen in Dover.  
Please bring your items to St. Matthews by Tuesday, February 9th at noon.  
Perishables will be kept cold until pick up time.

**Chicken: parts or whole, fresh or frozen.**  
**Stuffing, any kind**  
**Rice, any kind**  
**Potatoes, any kind**  
**Chicken gravy, canned or jarred.**  
**Green vegetables, any kind, frozen, canned or fresh.**  
**Bread, biscuits or similar**  
**Apple pie, fresh or frozen.**

As always, we happily take any other food to be heated and prepared by the servers in Dover.

Thank you, Kathe Naddaff & Elizabeth Ritter

## HOPE BUILDERS UPDATE ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS & SENIORS!

On Sunday, January 10, 2016 we had our kick-off meeting regarding the Hope Builders Mission Trip to Kentucky which will take place in July 2016. We had a really good turnout and many young people signed up for this wonderful event. Day by day more people are showing an interest in attending the trip and the number of available spots decreases. We still have openings for **about 8 people**. Don't lose your chance! If you are interested in going to Kentucky this summer, please contact Fr. Kamil at [fr.kamil@stmatthewsrandolph.org](mailto:fr.kamil@stmatthewsrandolph.org) as soon as possible. Remember, first come - first serve.

## ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

**Being Single, Being Faithful (35+)** - Whether single by choice or by circumstance, we must live every "single" day to the fullest. We can find fulfillment in Christ and his Church by embracing the opportunities in the Church for spiritual growth, meaningful service and a sense of community.

Madison, Saturday, February 6 from 10:00 a.m.-noon

**The God of Mercy: A Biblical Understanding of Mercy in the Old and New Testament** - What is the biblical

understanding of wrath, anger and mercy and how do we reconcile the idea of God's wrath along with his infinite mercy for his children? Allan Wright, presenter.

Madison, Monday and Tuesday, February 8 and 9 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Men After His Heart** - A basic course in spirituality for men. Self-contained sessions will explore spiritual themes important to men and their growth in faith. Fr. Paul Manning, presenter.

Madison, Tuesday, February 9 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

## OPEN HOUSES FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2016

### SUPER BOWL SUNDAY IS ALSO SUPER SCHOOL SUNDAY!

Before heading off to Super Bowl festivities, be sure to visit St. Virgil Academy in Morris Plains during their Open House on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 3 PM. St. Virgil Academy serves students from Pre-K3 to Grade 8. An award-winning STEM school, St. Virgil Academy has been providing academic excellence and faith formation since 1910. Parents and prospective students are invited to stop by for a tour on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> between 1 – 3 PM. For more information, call 973-539-7267 or visit [stvirgilacademy.org](http://stvirgilacademy.org). You'll be glad you did!

### ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL HOST OPEN HOUSE

St. Joseph School will host an Open House for prospective families and students on Sunday, January 31 from 12-3 pm. The student-led Mass and Open House will mark the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, which will focus on faith, community service and learning. St. Joseph School is a Catholic School located in Mendham, serving students in grades Pre-K through Grade 8. The school hours are 7:25 am to 2:10 pm and daily extended care is offered on site until 6pm. To RSVP to the Open House or for further information, please call 973-543-7474 x5.

### ST. TERESE SCHOOL

St. Therese in Succasunna joins more than 8,000 Catholic Schools nationwide to observe Catholic School Week. Please join us at our Open House on:

**Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 12:30-to 2PM**

**Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9AM to 11AM**

For more information please visit

[www.stthereserobury.org/school](http://www.stthereserobury.org/school) or call Mrs. Lisa Hirschfeld, Principal at 973-584-0812.

## JOIN EVA'S VILLAGE FOR A COMMUNITY TOUR ON FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

Eva's Village will host its quarterly community tour on February 9<sup>th</sup> beginning promptly at 10:30am. The tour is open to anyone who wants to learn more about Eva's Village and its efforts to comprehensively care for the homeless, hungry and poor in the Paterson and surrounding Passaic County communities. To reserve your space, contact Jason Patterson, Government & Community Relations Specialist, at (973) 523-6220 ext. 226 or via email at [Jason.Patterson@evasvillage.org](mailto:Jason.Patterson@evasvillage.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 11<sup>th</sup> grade takes place on Sundays and Wednesdays, (Confirmation Sunday evenings) Please contact Pat D'Amico at 862-251-4129 with any questions.

**GLUTEN FREE 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:** 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. Thank you.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements are usually made one year in advance. Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** If a family member is ill in the hospital, please call the parish office. Because of the privacy laws, we may not be aware that your family member is sick and we would be happy to visit you during this time.

**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. Dan, Fr. Kamil, 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 you can call Terry Shaw at 973-584-1101 ext. 205 and she will mail you a registration form. There are many wonderful happenings going on at St. Matthews and we want to make sure all our parishioners are in the know!

**RECONCILIATION:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated each Saturday from 4:15-4:45PM 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.

# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS AND THE OLD TESTAMENT FIGURES

A REFLECTION BY FR. DAN

From Jan 12 through the 21<sup>st</sup> I had the wonderful opportunity to visit the Holy Land of Israel and Jordan for the second time in my life; having gone exactly 21 years before in January of 1995. I was privileged to travel with my good friend and classmate, Fr. Ray Kupke, Pastor of St. Anthony's in Hawthorne and professor of History at Seton Hall University Seminary and 26 other pilgrims from Hawthorne, Randolph, Wayne and Sparta.

First of all I felt no fear in making the journey or walking in the holy places. I stepped out as did all the pilgrims to claim the words of I John 4:18 "**Perfect love casts out all fear.**"

I would like to share with you some highlights of this journey from my perspective and how it was different from my first experience. I will do so in highlighting four of the places that touched me most.

On our second full day we traveled up a very steep hill by very ancient mini-vans to the top of Mt Tabor, the place of the Transfiguration. It was a beautiful warm and sunny day and offered a great opportunity to see for miles over the Judean countryside. As I spent some quiet time in the beautiful church constructed over the traditional site built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, I was moved by a sense of the Divine. It made me recognize the myriad of opportunities we have each day to touch the Divine, to experience the presence of God in the event and people of each day, the Word of God and the Eucharist. So often I find the hectic pace of life and the agendas we set for ourselves detract us from being open to the REAL presence of the Lord in our lives. These moments at Tabor awakened me to this reality.

We had the opportunity to travel to the magical land of Jordan, an overwhelmingly Moslem nation but filled with sites of the Old and New Testament. One of the gifts of Jordan was the warmth and hospitality of the people. We had the chance to visit the Roman ruins of Jerash and the archeological gem of Petra, an ancient city of trade.

The most impressive biblical spot for me was at Mount Nebo, overlooking the Jordan River and the land of Israel. It was at Mount Nebo that Moses had a glimpse of the Promised Land that he would never enter due to his earlier act of lacking faith. I had the privilege of being the celebrant of the liturgy that day and preached about how Moses must have felt seeing the land of Israel but never having his chance to enter. After the trials and struggles of wandering in the desert with the Israelites he would never achieve his dream. How often in our lives we do not always achieve our dreams, but come to know in faith God has other plans for us. It was at Mount Nebo that tradition tells us that Moses died and was buried. His dream is fulfilled in knowing his people would enter the Promised Land and that he would enter into the arms of His God for all eternity.

On our last full day we traveled to Bethlehem; not the quaint and tranquil place we might expect. To enter Bethlehem one has to have his/her passport and go beyond a rigid security force of Israelis and go past the high concrete wall that extend throughout Israel cutting off the Palestinians from the Israelis. You could cut the tension with a knife. As I had the honor of celebrating the liturgy at the church in the Shepherd's Fields in a cave very much like the ones shepherds inhabited at the time of Jesus, I was reminded of the words of Bishop Robert Barron I had read at Christmas time challenging us to see the Nativity story of Jesus not as cute, routine, or nostalgic but rather subversive and very much in the reality of the day.

We have all witnessed in the media the tension, violence, and hatred so prevalent in the Middle East. To be in Bethlehem, set in the middle of this tension, I recognized again that God entered and continues to enter into the reality of the pain and brokenness of this world and has come to show us the transformative way of peace, forgiveness and non-violence. Being at the Shepherd's Field and remembering the words of Peace and Good News of the angels I was reminded that those words hold forth the same challenge to us today. The harsh reality of the physical setting of Bethlehem and its present place in contemporary life challenges us all to see the message of the God who became human over 2000 years ago not as a cute or tender story but a message to challenge us to radically change the world of fear, hatred, and prejudice in which we live.

On our full day in the Old City of Jerusalem I was most touched by spending time at the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus encountered the crippled man who waited 38 years for someone to bring him to the curative waters held sacred by the Romans of the time at this place. Jesus healed him and told him to go forth and walk. The reality of the power of intercessory prayer moved me at that spot. I took time to pray for all of our community, family members, and friends of mine whose lives are ravaged by pain, illness, and/or age. I thought of how often in life people I have known have found peace and comfort in being carried by the power of prayer or knowing healing and wholeness through the gift of prayer.

This place of healing prayer at Bethesda brought me back to the earlier days of the pilgrimage when I prayed for the married couples I know and for couples whose weddings I will celebrate in the coming year. At Cana, as the married couples on the pilgrimage renewed their marriage vows or at the Jordan River as we renewed our Baptismal promises I remembered all the young couples of our parish starting out their families and the members of our Baptismal Prep team. At the church of the Holy Sepulcher, the place of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, I had an opportunity to remember all the people on my life journey, who have died and now share in the glory of eternal life, who continue to pray for me and who in the memories I carry of them, model for me an authentic life of faith and service.

I hope and pray that in the future many of our parish families will take the opportunity to let go of fear and trepidation and find the opportunity to visit the Holy Sites. Hearing the Word of God will never be the same again once you have walked in the footsteps of Moses, the Patriarchs and Prophets, the Apostles and Jesus Himself.