

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, February 8

8:00AM Madeline H. Neff

TUESDAY February 9

8:00AM Nicole DeBenedetto
Grace Scott

WEDNESDAY, February 10

8:00AM All deceased Parishioners of St. Matthews

THURSDAY February 11

8:00PM Ann Quinse

FRIDAY, February 12

8:00AM All Deceased Parishioners of St. Matthews

SATURDAY, February 13

5:00PM Jim McGrane
Elma Fontana

SUNDAY, February 14

8:00AM James Hackett, Sr.

10:00AM Tina Padula

12:00PM Sean O'Rourke

5:00PM Vicky Mosso



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
(deacon.rich)

Deacon Larry D'Amico, Permanent Deacon
(deacon.larry)

Pat D'Amico, Director of Faith Formation
(pat.damico)

Carol Lindsey, Faith Formation Asst. (carol.lindsey)

Kathleen Burke, Music Minister (kathy.burke)

Tom Carle, Associate Music Minister (tom.carle)

Leslie Doherty, Business Manager (leslie.doherty)

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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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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: 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: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February 7th

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

MONDAY, February 8...AA Mtg 9:30AM, Youth Group 7:30PM, Search 7:30PM, RCIA 7:30PM.

TUESDAY, February 9...Boy Scouts.

WED. February 10...AA Mtg 9:30AM, Ash Wednesday.

THUR. February 11...AA Mtg 9:30AM, All Choirs.

FRIDAY, February 12...AA Mtg 9:30AM, Healthy Bones 10:30AM, Blue & Gold Dinner, Bible Study 9:30AM.

SUNDAY, February 14...Happy Valentines.

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 10, 2016

6:30AM, 8:00 AM &

7:30 PM Masses

5:00 PM Service



We will take up an offering

To support Catholic Relief Services.

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 or contract the parish office.

SHOPPER'S CLUB UPDATE

St. Matthews invites you to participate in a unique opportunity to help with our fundraising efforts through our Shopper's Club Program. St. Matthew's receives a profit from 4% to 10% for every purchase you make through our participating businesses.

We are excited to announce the addition of Verona Restaurant to our Shopper's Club Participating Restaurants and Markets which include Burrini's, Rosies, Randolph Diner, ShopRite, ACME, Sussex Market and Amazon. Shopper's Club cards are available after mass in the gathering space or during the week in the office for the restaurants and grocery stores with the exception of Burrini's and Amazon.

At Burrini's just mention you are a St. Matthew's parishioner at checkout and 5% of your purchase will be donated to St. Matthews. When shopping at Amazon.com, go on-line through St. Matthew's website "Support Our Church" link and earn St. Matthew's 4% - 8.5% for every purchase made.

Thank you in advance for making this fundraiser a success!

LENT AND LAUDATO SI

Lent invites us to come to the desert: to strip away the clutter of what separates us from God so we can reconnect with our inner Spirit and what connects us to each other, to God.

Similarly, Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si invites us to come to the desert... Not create one.

Laudat Si calls us to consider the basics of the world in which we live, to strip away the clutter of our attitudes/habits which keep us from making the sacrifices needed to make a better world. It invites us to reconnect with ourselves as PART of the world and not Master of it...to educate ourselves and act so, in the Pope's words...continue with the "reckless complacency" consuming goods without thought to their source or where the waste goes. We have chosen to focus on four of the basics. Please join us for four evening of learning, discussing and planning as we consider Water, Our Food, Technology and Our Treatment of the World.

Sundays: February 14, 21, 28 and March 6 at 6:30 PM in Heritage Hall. (Each evening will be approximately an hour to an hour and a half.)



OWL - A SPECIAL EVENT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

As part of their discipleship training, the Confirmation Candidates for the Class of

2017 will be hosing "OWL" for the senior members of our parish. OWL stands for "Our Wise Leaders" and will begin with a special Mass of Anointing, followed by a luncheon and fun activities with the teens. Their mission is to honor their elders who have walked the path of faith before them and promote mutual respect between the younger and elder generations.

OWL will take place on Saturday March 12, 2016 from 11am to 1pm. If you are a senior citizen, please plan on joining us, we look forward to getting to know you. Pre-registration is appreciated. Please stop by the table in the Gathering Space after Mass on February 6 and 7 to register for this exciting event.

We hope you are able to join us. Thank you! If you have any questions feel free to call Lisa Garcia or Imelda Brown 973-543-2727

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, 9739448968.

COFFEE, TEA AND CAMARADERIE

I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (Psalms 116:13) Join the WOMEN OF FAITH as we share our stories over a cup of tea! Dates for the beginning of the New Year 2016 are as follows: February 11th! Please join us from 1pm - 2:30 in the Library! There are no *strangers only friends you haven't met yet*. **AND don't forget to bring your favorite cup!** If you have any questions, please call Moira at 973-584-3788. *Be empowered to live God's Word and Love like Jesus!*

"IF GOD IS ALL POWERFUL AND ALL LOVING, HOW CAN EVIL EXIST?"

On Saturday, February 20, Matthew's Men will begin the penitential season of Lent by reflecting on one of the most difficult questions confronting mankind and a favorite of those in society who would deny the existence of God: Why does God permit suffering and evil? It is a question as old as the suffering of Job and as modern as the many horrors of the 20th Century. It is also one that touches all of our lives at some point. While we may not find the answer, join us as we lean on each other and journey in faith to grapple with the question together. All of the men of the parish are invited to join us in the Bauer Room on February 20, starting at 8:00 AM and with a hard stop at 9:30 AM.

HOPE BUILDERS: 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 7 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 as soon as possible. Remember, first come - first serve.

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.

THE YEAR OF MERCY

THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

In celebration of the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis we will have the opportunity to practice the corporal works of mercy in this Lenten season. We will do so through our ongoing parish support of the Missionaries of the Poor in Haiti at Cap Haitian. We ask that each household of our parish donate the items that follow on three of the Sundays of Lent. Receptacles will be provided in the Gathering Space.

FEBRUARY 14: "Feed the Hungry": Oftentimes the people in Haiti have nothing with which to eat the food they receive. **Please donate metal spoons.** They need not be fancy or new.



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"

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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, 8AM to 8PM seven days a week from Ash Wednesday February 10 through Palm Sunday March 20. 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: info@morriscountyrighttolife.org or call 973-933-2800

WELCOME HOME

"Welcome Home" is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent, from February 15 to March 14, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God! www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.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 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. 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, 973584-1101, so we can extend the healing hand of the Lord to them! All information will be kept confidential.

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

"Be Not Afraid" is exactly how we felt on our pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan this past January with Fr. Dan, Fr. Ray and the other pilgrims. While visiting all the churches and Holy Sites we knew we were not alone and felt God's presence every step of the way. Our tour guide in Jordan, Sammy, said that we were chosen by God to be on this pilgrimage, and He would guide us and keep us safe. This was very evident while visiting the Sea of Galilee, the weather looked threatening with rain and very foggy. While we were on the boat, praying and listening to music, all of a sudden the sun came thru the clouds and we saw the most beautiful sun rays, we knew God was looking over us.

We had the most amazing time visiting the many churches and places we have only read about in the Bible. To be able to walk where Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane, take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, to renew our wedding vows at Cana, renew our Baptismal promise at the Jordan River, to walk along the Via Dolorosa and carry the cross, are just a few of the many wonderful memories we will have of our pilgrimage. Having daily Mass in the small chapels & caves with Fr. Dan & Fr. Ray were also very special.

Now, when we come to Mass at St. Matthew's and hear the Word of God, it will have a very special meaning for us, as we reflect on all the places we have seen.

When asked, "What was our favorite place," it is very hard to say just one because everywhere we went we felt God's presence and his love.

We are so thankful to God that he gave us the strength and courage to see the Holy Land and be a part of this wonderful pilgrimage.

God Bless,

Nancy and Peter Scimenenes

