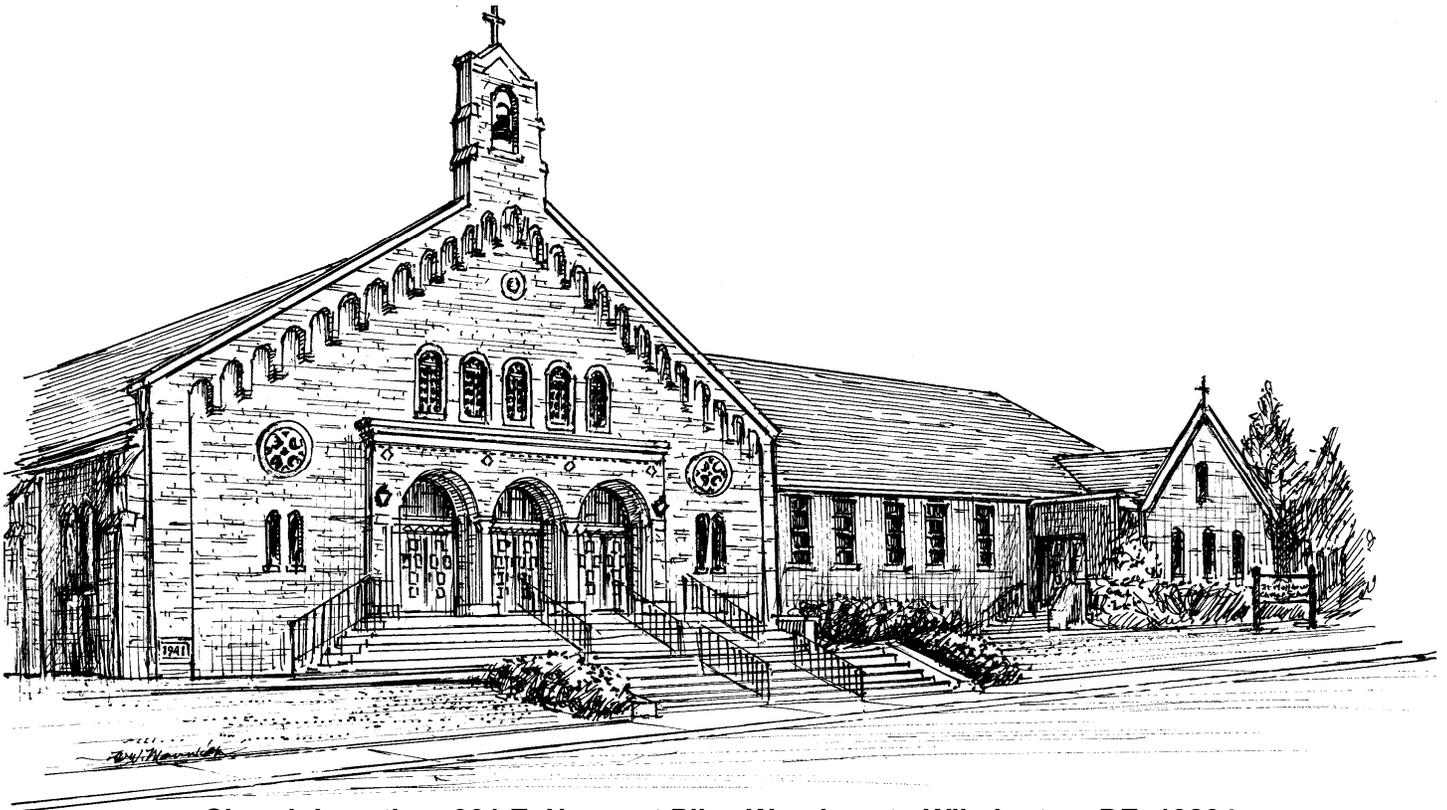


# Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Parish

## A Sponsor of All Saints Catholic School



**Church Location: 901 E. Newport Pike, Woodcrest • Wilmington, DE 19804**

**Parish Mailing Address: 1013 E. Newport Pike, Wilmington, DE. 19804**

### **Mass Schedule**

Daily (Monday — Friday): 7:00 am and 8:30 am

Saturday: 8:30 am and 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 11:30 am

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Every Saturday afternoon beginning at 3:30 pm

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptism is celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 12:45 pm. Baptismal Preparation Program for the parents is held on the 1st Wednesday of every other month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Please contact one of the Parish Priests or Deacons  
AT LEAST ONE YEAR before your wedding date.

### **New Members**

Welcome! Please register in the Parish Office.

***Vy. Rev. Joseph J. Drobinski, Pastor***

***Rev. William M. Hazzard, In Residence***

***Rev. William J. Klapps, U.S.N. Retired***

***Mr. Harold R. Chalfant, Permanent Deacon***

***Mr. William A. Kaper, Permanent Deacon***

***Mr. Michael T. Wilber, Permanent Deacon***

***Miss Patricia Berrigan, Director of Religious Education***

***Annie Adams, Music Director***

### ***All Saints Catholic School***

***907 New Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19805***

***302 995-2231—Email [www.ascsde.org](http://www.ascsde.org)***

***Mrs. Diana Thompson Principal***

### **St. Matthew Office**

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm

Parish Tel: 302-633-5850 Fax: Automatic

Parish Office—1013 E. Newport Pike

Web site: [www.saintmatthewsparish.org](http://www.saintmatthewsparish.org)

Email: [info@saintmatthewsparish.org](mailto:info@saintmatthewsparish.org)

Religious Education: 302-633-5860 ext. 158

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 11, 2014**



**I came so that  
they might have  
life**

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:1-4a,36-41).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

**Gospel** — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

**FOLLOWING THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

The joyful tone of the past three Sundays of Easter is a little darker today. All three readings remind us of suffering, death, and sin. We, like Peter's audience in the first reading, can ask, "What are we to do?" And the answer will be the same: we must reform. Or, as Peter says in his first Letter, we have strayed like sheep and must return to the shepherd.

Jesus describes himself as a shepherd in today's Gospel, and we know it was one of the earliest images of Christ in the apostolic church. Today's passage continues the darker theme of the first two readings. Danger lurks and the sheep need protection. They might follow a false leader; they might be stolen or destroyed. Only in Jesus Christ will we be safe. Only in him will we have eternal life.



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**Monday, May 12**  
Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3;43:3,4/Jn 10:11-18  
7:00 AM—Mass  
8:30 AM—Mary Agnes Dennis

**Tuesday, May 13**  
Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7/  
Jn 10:22-30  
7:00 AM—Mass  
8:30 AM—Mary L. Delcollo

**Wednesday, May 14**  
Acts 11:15-17,20-26/Ps 113:1-8/  
Jn 15:9-17  
7:00 AM—Albert Mirto  
8:30 AM—Joseph A. Palermo

**Thursday, May 15**  
Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27/Jn 13:16-20  
7:00 AM— People of the Parish  
8:30 AM—Betty Nedwick

**Friday, May 16**  
Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6—11ab/  
Jn 14:1-6  
7:00 AM—Mass  
8:30 AM— Antonio DiPilla

**Saturday, May 17**  
Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/  
Jn 14:7-14  
8:30 AM— Mass  
5:00 PM— Edward McGonigle

**Sunday, May 18**  
Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14: 1-12  
7:30 AM—Mass  
9:00 AM— People of the Parish  
11:30 AM—Joseph Francisco

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.For a complete list of groups and phone numbers, please visit [www.saintmatthewsparish.org](http://www.saintmatthewsparish.org) and click on "CONTACT US" LINK. You may also call the Parish Office at 633.5850.

The DEADLINE for bulletin submissions is -

May 12, 2014

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Every rectory office has received a panicked phone call from a person who has been invited to serve as a godparent, or from someone newly engaged, who suddenly “needs to get confirmed.” While the lack of confirmation is not an obstacle for marriage, it is for godparenting. Many are surprised that the Church seems to be looking for a kind of sacramental “seal” on one’s baptism before the door opens fully to this ministry. Yet if you think about it, would you want someone to guide you to a place that he or she had not yet been? A godparent has to be someone who has “been there” and knows the way.

Although signet rings and wax seals have passed from use, our society depends on “seals of approval” ranging from certificates of quality to the familiar safety seals on medicines and foods. While Eucharist is the “seal” of the sacrament of baptism, there is a sense in which one’s Christian initiation is also incomplete without confirmation. Have you been confirmed? Perhaps it’s time to inquire now, before you have to make that dreaded phone call!

## HUGS

A mom’s hug lasts long after she lets go.

## COUNTING SHEEP

When at night you cannot sleep,  
talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.

### Sanctuary Lamp/Candle

The parish is providing another opportunity to memorialize your loved ones. If you would like to have the red sanctuary candle lit for the cost of \$10.00, you can do so on a weekly basis by calling the parish office.

The week of May 11th the candle has been lit in memory of **Living and Deceased Mothers of St. Matthew’s Parish**



**School Tours** are available any time if you are interested in any of our programs. All Saints is a Pre K (ages 3 and 4) through Grade 8 school. Please call Stephen Adams, Assistant Principal., if you are interested in obtaining more information about All Saints or would like to schedule a tour 302.995.2231 or [sadams@ascscde.org](mailto:sadams@ascscde.org)

**School Information** is provided on the All Saints Catholic School website at [www.ascscde.org](http://www.ascscde.org) or by calling the school office at 302.2231

### PowerSchool Temporary Link Change

Parents: Our PowerSchool Link has been updated. However, please note that another change will come in a few days. You will be notified when the permanent change is made. For now, please use this temporary link: <http://cdow.psisis.com/public/home.html>

### Upcoming Parent Volunteer Opportunities

There are some new Spring opportunities to share important time and create lasting memories with your child here at All Saints. Just drop us a line and we'll find a great place for your talents! [HAS@ascscde.org](mailto:HAS@ascscde.org)

### Save transportation stipends for Catholic school families

The small transportation stipend that goes to Catholic school families is in danger of elimination. Tell the governor and your representatives in the Delaware General Assembly that families who sacrifice to send their children to Catholic schools deserve to keep their transportation reimbursement stipend. It is easy to send your representatives in Dover an email message through the Delaware Catholic Advocacy Network. To do so, go to [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org) and click on the “Save transportation stipends for Catholic school families” link



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Congratulations to our young people who received their First Communion on Sunday, May 4th.

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| Peyton Bale         | Julian Boscher   |
| Jordan Black        | Chase Davis      |
| Christina Briscoe   | James Horgan     |
| Olivia Clark        | Alexander Lee    |
| Ava DiBiase         | Tyler Mosher     |
| IKatherine Heesters | Jude Rykaczewski |
| Nayreeya Mitchell   | Ethan Skirvin    |
| Tayreeya Mitchell   | Benjamin Sudler  |
| Carly Opalach       |                  |
| Emily Rhoads        |                  |
| Juliana Ruff        |                  |

On Sundays, May 11, These children received their First Communion:

- Cassidy Krupa
- Hunter Molitor
- Jordan Tull-Henry

We ask the Lord to continue to bless them and their families.

**Rosary of the Blessed Mother** will be recited after the 8:30 Mass on Mondays and on Saturdays.

There are many prayer needs in our families and the Church and our Country. Please take 15-20 minutes of the first part of your day to join us.

You will not be disappointed in what can happen in your life when you put God first. It is very exciting to watch Him work in our lives and the lives of our family. He, Himself, has put Mary as an intercessor for us.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on the 1st Monday of each month following the 8:30 Mass.**

Please join us to pray for our families, our Church, our Country and peace.

If you have any questions, please call Sonyia (302) 584.2521

### Reflecting on God's Word

At the end of the day, shepherds would bring their sheep to a common sheepfold, leading them through a gate that was guarded during the night. Shepherds would give names to their sheep and call to them when daylight came, leading them back out to pasture. Because the sheep recognized the shepherd's voice there was no mix-up with sheep that belonged to others.

The idea that shepherds had a name for each of their sheep brings home the difference between a good shepherd and a stranger. The good shepherds was concerned not only for the flock but for each sheep in it. He knew them and they knew him. "They will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers: (John 10:5)

There are two words in Greek for "good" - agathos and kalos. Agathos refers to moral goodness, as in being a "good person," Kalos refers to being "good at" something. Certainly Jesus is the Good Shepherds in both senses, but the word used here is kalos, emphasizing his being "good at" shepherding.

Jesus knows his sheep by name, leads them to safety when darkness falls, and returns them to pasture. He was willing to lay down his life for them. Most comforting of all, he came then and comes now so we might have life and have it more abundantly. This image challenges all who have been called to be shepherds in today's church, to be good shepherds and to be good at shepherding.

### **Upcoming events:**

The Activities Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, May 11th at 11:30 am in the open area of the school. New members welcome.

Pancake Breakfast following the 7:30, 9:00, and 11:30 am Mass on Sunday May 18th at the gym (Foley Hall).

### **Pancake Breakfast**

Sponsored by the Activities Committee

Cost is \$5.00 per person

We are in need of volunteers for set up, cooking/serving, and clean up. If you can volunteer please call Rose 995.1546 or Colette at 994.1529 for details. All proceeds to benefit the purchase of new Nativity pageant and Way of the Cross costumes.

### **Memorial Walkway**

The St. Matthew "Memorial Walkway" in front of the Blessed Mother statue. Bricks are available to purchase in honor of a loved ones living/deceased or special occasions (confirmation, wedding, birthday, anniversary, etc.,) Please contact the parish office at 633-5850 for additional information.

### **St. Matthew Prayer Chain**

If you or someone you know is in need of prayers and for their intentions to be included in our prayer chain, call 994-5117 or e-mail [lodonnell12@verizon.net](mailto:lodonnell12@verizon.net)