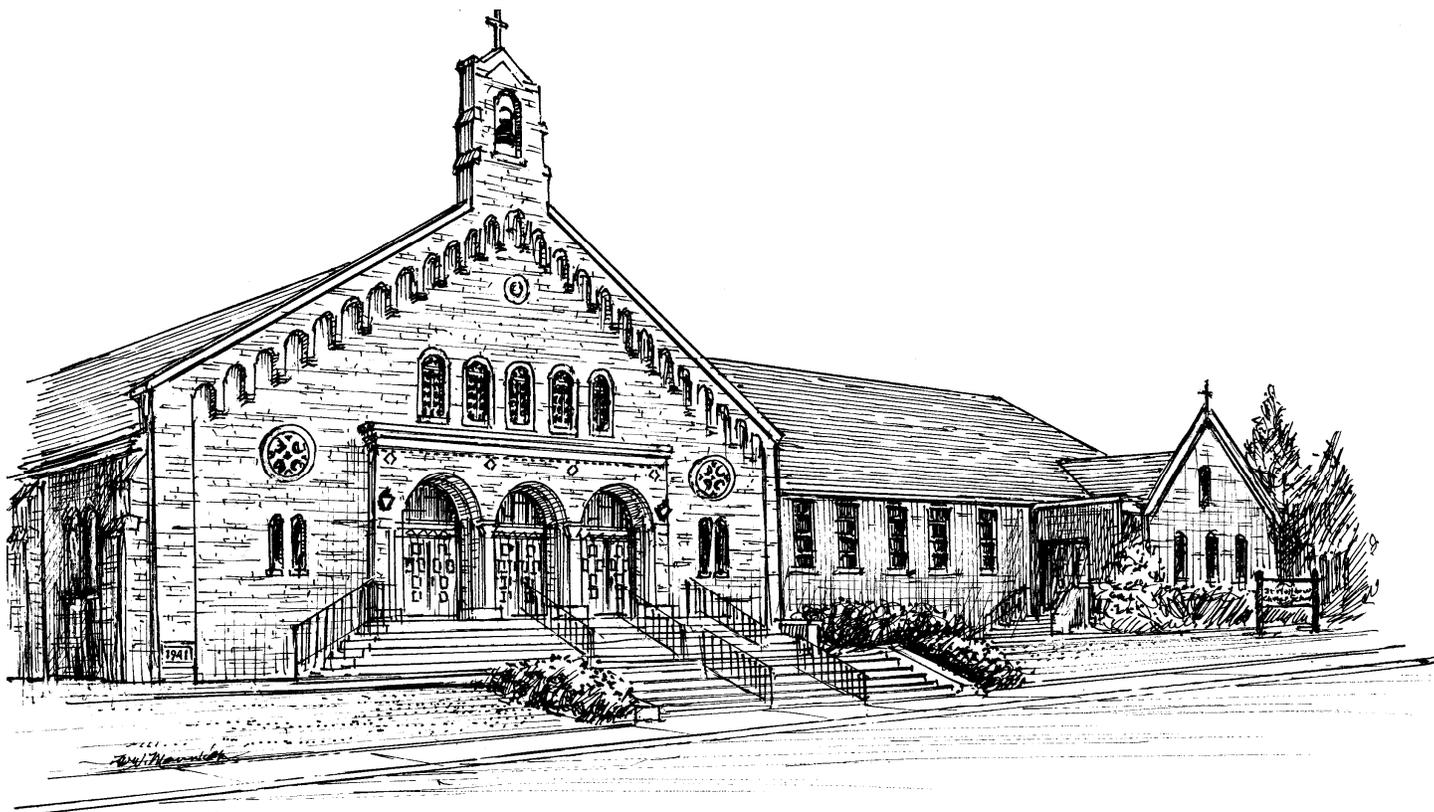


# Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Parish

## 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

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

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# ASCENSION

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

**Psalms** — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66)

**Second Reading** — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16.

**Gospel** — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or Jn 17:1-11a.

## THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

Do you recognize the sacrament that is celebrated in today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles? When Peter and John imposed hands on those who had been baptized, they received the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of confirmation. The reading from the First Letter of Peter and the passage from John's Gospel both consider the results of our baptism and confirmation. Peter reminds us it is likely that we will have to suffer for what we believe.

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks clearly about the Holy Spirit, referring to a "Paraclete," one who will stand with us to defend us. Poignantly, Jesus promises his disciples, and all of us, "I will not leave you orphans." He has never left his followers orphaned. We have always had the Holy Spirit to guide us.

## Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, 2014

### Monday, May 26

Acts 16: 11-15/Ps 149:1b-6a,9b/

Jn 15:26-16:4a

7:00 AM—No Mass

8:30 AM—Kay Cole

### Tuesday, May 27

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3,7d-8

Jn 16:5-11

7:00 AM—Mass

8:30 AM—Mary Agnes Dennis

### Wednesday, May 28

Acts 17:15,22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2

11-14/Jn 16:12-15

7:00 AM—Mass

8:30 AM—Brian Maron

### Thursday, May 29

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 16:16-20

7:00 AM—Mass

8:30 AM—Lucille Finlaw

### Friday, May 30

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23

7:00 AM—Madeline Dunbar

8:30 AM—Mary A. Delcollo

### Saturday, May 31

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3k4-6/

Lk 1:39-56

8:30 AM—Mass

5:00 PM—John Ratsep

### Sunday, June 1

Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1,4,7-8/

1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

7:30 AM—Antonio Bucci

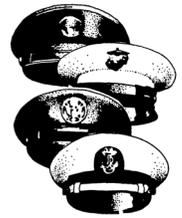
9:00 AM—Stanley Szymanski

11:30 AM—Amy Essick

.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 26, 2014



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## Memorial Day

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the tradition of the Church, not necessarily in your own life's timeline, confirmation is the midpoint of Christian initiation, standing between font and table. Full initiation is completed when a confirmed person shares in the Eucharist. Centuries ago, this first sharing in the eucharistic assembly was marked by a first sharing in the Prayer of the Faithful. This prayer raises up the needs of the church and human community, the concerns of the faithful assembled, as they prepare to lift up the world to the Father's love. So a person could not participate in the prayer until they were anointed with the "Oil of Thanksgiving." Next, the newly baptized presented their gifts at the altar, a sure sign of their investment a new way of life. Until the sixth century, these people normally drank a mixture of milk and honey as a kind of pre-Communion. They were hungry, of course, since they were baptized hungry after long fasting, but this beautiful symbol of the promised land revealed them as God's chosen, heirs to the promise. Although the "milk shake" disappeared centuries ago, we still see the vigor of this new life whenever adults are initiated at Easter, and increasingly in confirmation ceremonies that are attentive to this meaning.

### Pancake Breakfast

"The breakfast was outstanding! We should do it more often." Many similar comments were heard, and we would like to thank all of our parishioners and friends who supported, and volunteered at our Pancake Breakfast.

It was a wonderful day! The food was delicious, everyone seemed happy that they were able to take their time eating, and enjoying each others company.

We raised \$353.00, and we were given \$100.00 as an anonymous donation. The money raised will go to purchase new costumes for our parish Nativity Program, and Way of the Cross Pantomime. If you were not able to attend the breakfast, but would like to make a donation, please put it in the Drop Box at the Office.

Our 50/50 winner was: Richard Yoncoskie, who received \$28.00.

Again, thank you everyone!



**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

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).

### Field Day

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 27. Our all school Field Day has many opportunities to participate in a full day of exciting events with your child.

Please contact Kriss Marino to offer your support to this upcoming event.

### ASCS Summer Camp

There are still a few openings for summer camp. Information and registration forms are available in the main office.

If you have any questions, please contact Diana Ryk at either 302.383.6692 or at [baki47@comcast.net](mailto:baki47@comcast.net).

## Reflecting on God's Word

The head nurse had called Mary Beth in desperation. "The patient in 207 can't talk because of her throat cancer surgery. She is so agitated by her daughters that I'm concerned about her recovery. They fight over everything from what treatment she should receive to where she should go when we release her from the hospital. Help!" Mary Beth had done pastoral care in the hospital long enough to have gotten a reputation with the nursing staff for her healing presence. She was only in the room ten minutes before the patient was calm and smiling, and the sisters had agreed to sit down with a social worker to discuss their options.

In today's first reading we see the Holy Spirit at work in Philip, Peter, and John. They are living proof that Jesus' healing presence lives in them. With words, prayers, and touch they communicate the Spirit that unites the crowds, heals the sick, and brings the Samaritans to life in the Spirit. Looking back at previous Easter readings from the Acts of the Apostles, we can see that now all the believers in the ancient world are united in the Spirit—Jews in Jerusalem, Hellenist Greek-speaking Jews, Gentiles, and now Samaritans. They are cured of their divisions and united in harmony through the healing presence of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

## God's Word Today

This fifty-day celebration of Easter gives us the opportunity to reflect on the central core of our Christian faith—the life-giving death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. This reflection should lead to some kind of action on behalf of those who long for meaning in their lives. Listen carefully as today's second reading is proclaimed. One of the great challenges for Christians today is giving witness to the faith. In a culture that has, in many ways, become deChristianized, proclaiming one's faith—evangelizing—can be a frightening prospect. Saint Peter tells us today that to those who ask us for a reason for our hope, we should give an explanation "with gentleness and reverence." Perhaps the word of God today is asking us to search for moments in the coming week when we can share our faith, gently and reverently, with someone who seems to have lost hope. We have the greatest gift to share. Why not take the chance to offer that gift to someone in need? Remember what today's Gospel promises—Jesus sends us the Spirit of truth, another Advocate to be with us always. It is in the power of the Spirit that we can take courage in witnessing to the faith.

**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

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Win A Disney Family Vacation valued at approximately \$4,500 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's 26th Annual Family Carnival, June 9-14. \$20 per ticket OR 3/\$50. For information visit [www.setonfamilycarnival.com](http://www.setonfamilycarnival.com) or contact Barb at 302.328.7977.

## Italian Summer Camp

An Italian Summer Camp for children ages 5-12 will be held at Brandywine Springs Elementary School July 7-11 and 14-18.

Children will learn to communicate in Italian and explore Italy's culture through history, music, art and cuisine. For more information, or for an application, please contact Gabriella Finizio at [gfinizio@udel.edu](mailto:gfinizio@udel.edu) or 302.478.5730.

**Eucharistic Miracles**, a presentation by Catholic evangelist Tony Belizzi from New York, 6:30 pm, May 29th, at St. Polycarp in Smyrna, 135 Ransom Lane. Concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### **Having the Experience but Missing the Meaning**

Saturday, July 26, 2014, 9:00 am—5:00 pm

How often we pass by things in life without really seeing them. But there comes a time when we begin to meet life in an entirely new way. Paula D'Arcy, author, playwright, retreat leader and national speaker will help us to slow down and take a look at our every-day happenings so that we can begin to see the pattern of God's plan for our lives as it develops in ordinary circumstances.

The cost for the day is \$50. We are expecting a very large crowd for this retreat, so please sign up early! The cost of the day includes continental breakfast as well as lunch.

To register, call our office at 302.995.6859 or visit us on line at: [jesushousecenter.org](http://jesushousecenter.org)

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center—2501 Milltown Road, Wilmington, DE. 19808.

### **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 4th the candle has been lit in memory of **Guazzaloca Family.**

### **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 occasion (confirmation, wedding, birthday, anniversary, etc.,) Please contact the parish office at 633.5850 for additional information.