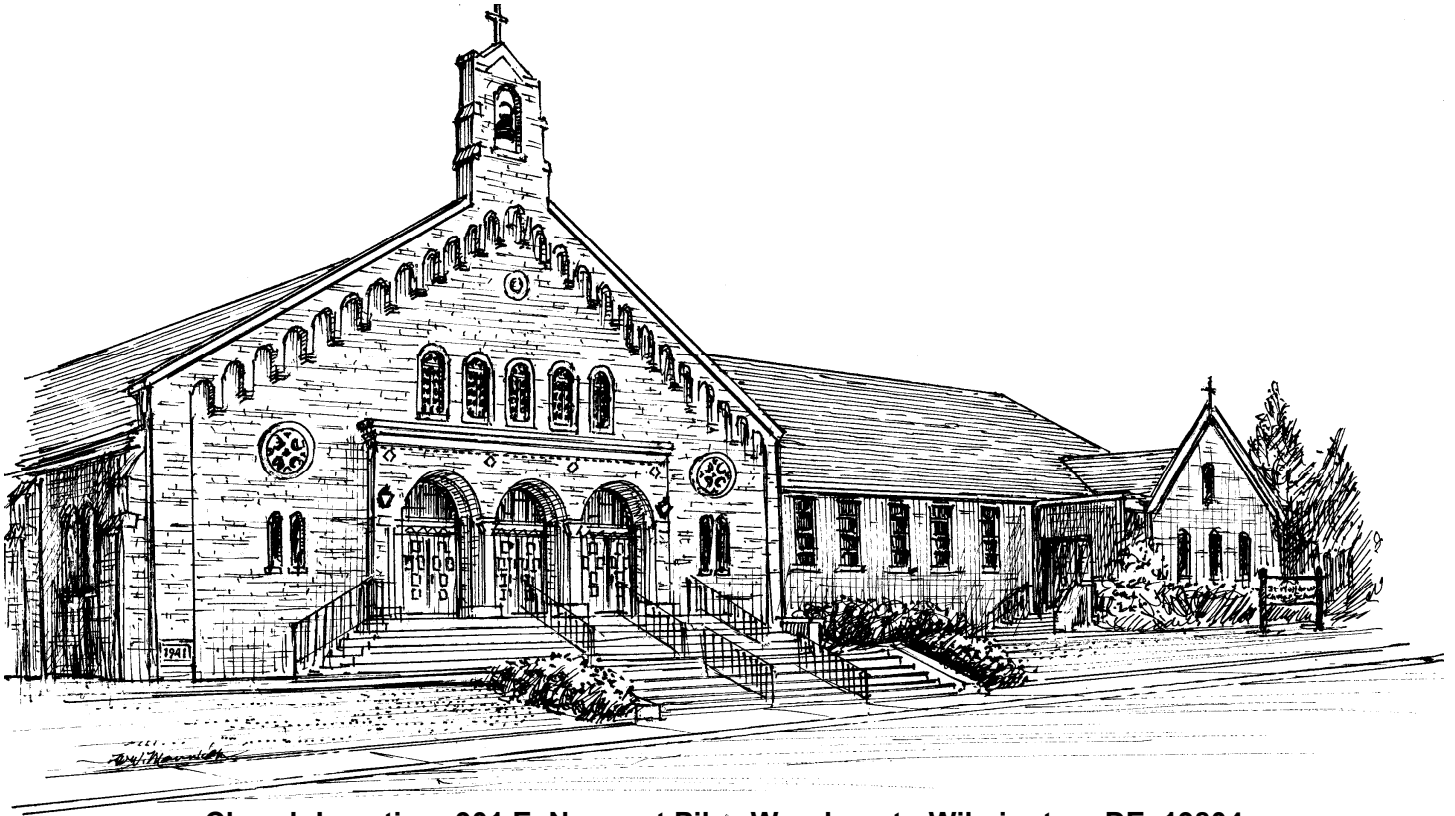


Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Parish

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

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St. Matthew Office

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Religious Education: 302-633-5860 ext. 158

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 27, 2014



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalms — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom

(Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

JACKPOT

In our lottery- and sweepstakes-obsessed culture, it is common to ask ourselves or others what they would do if they won. In today's first reading, Solomon certainly hits the jackpot. What prize could be greater than having God Almighty agree to give you whatever you ask for?

Out of all the things he could have asked for, Solomon chose to ask for understanding, and was rewarded with it. We would do well to wonder what we would ask for if God made us the same offer. Actually God does make us the same offer each and every day, by granting us another day of life, a bit of the earth's goods, some gift or ability, some call to goodness, some portion of the divine will. Each of these is a "prize." We should stop and examine what we are going to do with our prize: keep it or use it selfishly, or put it at the service of the spread of the gospel?



Monday, July 28

Jer 13:1-11/Dt32:18-21

Mt 13:31-35

7:00 AM—Mass

8:30 AM—George Tressler

Tuesday, July 29

Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8,9,11,13

Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

7:00 AM—Mass

8:30 AM—Harry Whitehead

Wednesday, July 30

Jer 15:10,16-21/Ps 59:2-4,10-11

17-18/Mt 13:44-46:

7:00 AM—Mass

8:30 AM—Mass

Thursday, July 31

Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-6ab/

Mt 13:47-53

7:00 AM—Mass

8:30 AM—Alice Dolan

Friday, August 1

Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10,14

Mt 13:54-58

7:00 AM—Mass

8:30 AM—Ralph Degli Obizzi

Saturday, August 2

Jer 26:11-16,24/Ps 69:15-16,30-31

33-34/Mt 14:1-12

8:30 AM—Mass

5:00 PM—Geraldine Casapulla

Sunday, August 3

Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9,15-18

Rom 8:34,37-39/Mt 14:13-21

7:30 AM—Jerry Dawson

9:00 AM—Joseph Swarter

11:30 AM—Matthew Keggelman

Thank You For Your Generosity: \$ 3,852.63
Diocesan Assessment—\$386.51

.For a complete list of groups and phone numbers, please visit 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 -

July 28, 2014

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the dawn of the fourteenth century, the sacrament of confirmation was ripe for a rescue, since vast numbers of the faithful never received it, and when it was celebrated, it was done so in isolation from baptism and Eucharist. A bishop named William Durandus set out to reclaim this liturgy, but he had a creative touch and added some things into the mix that had never been thought of before. One was a slap. Oddly, he replaced the kiss of peace at the end of confirmation with a slap on the cheek that endured to modern times. This "wake-up call" was related in his imagination to a custom in the military, wherein ceremonies of knighthood and investiture involved a symbolic wound as a sign of willingness to suffer.

Within every congregation today there are people who have memories of fretting through their confirmation liturgies, anxious to know how enthusiastic a slap the bishop would bestow. Durandus loved symbolism and had a reason for every ritual and practice, but his creative spin on the celebration shows how sadly adrift confirmation was from its anchorage in baptism, how far off-course from its home port of the eucharistic community.

WISDOM

Nine-tenths of wisdom consists in being wise in time.



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Save the Date

Mark your calendars for St. Matthew Parish Picnic!

Parish picnic will be held in Banning Park on Sunday, September 21st from 12 to 3 pm. The theme this year is "An Old Fashion Picnic", lots of good food, and fun for everyone!

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, and our Country and peace.

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

Diocese of Wilmington Women's Conference

Saturday November 1, 2014/Check-in from 8:00-8:45/
St Joseph's Parish Middletown, DE.

Conference Speaker, Johnnette Benkovic travels internationally as a popular conference speaker, published author, retreat director, and seminar presenter. She is the author of several books and developed the internationally recognized Women of Grace Foundation Study Series which has transformed thousands of women worldwide through the healing love of Jesus Christ



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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 July 20th the candle is lit in memory of Thomas Burr.

Saint Matthew Parish

R.C.I.A. 2014-2015

Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic?

Have you been baptized but never received the other Sacraments of Initiation (Communion and Confirmation)

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a program that welcomes those over the age of 18 into the Catholic community.

We meet one evening a week to study the essential beliefs of our faith and gather also every Sunday to worship together at our local church.

At St. Matthew's, the RCIA program begins in September and ends the following spring. Eligible candidates are welcomed into full membership in the Catholic community at Easter.

We continue meeting during the month of May to deepen our knowledge of Catholicism.

To register for RCIA or to receive more information call or e-mail Marguerite Gomes at: 302.229.8218 or margapiano@yahoo.com.

Religious Education News:

Registration for Pre-School through 8th grade—Registration for the 2014-2015 School year are now being taken for Sunday morning children's Religious Education classes. First Reconciliation/First Communion, and Confirmation Sacrament forms are also being taken. Registration Forms are on line at: saint-matthewparish.org under Religious Education. For more information, contact Pat Berrigan—633.5850 ext. 158 or email: pambb425@yahoo.com.

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center is looking for a part-time cook for retreats and days of renewal. The hours will vary from week to week and will include several weekends. This can become 2 separate positions—one for week days and one for weekends—if necessary. The pay is \$10.00 per hour and requires a maximum of 5 hours per meal.

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center ~ 2501 Milltown Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19808 (302)-995-6859.

News from Catholic Charities, Diocese of Wilmington

An increase in Delaware state income tax credits available for qualifying Neighborhood Assistance Act contributions

Two Catholic Charities program qualify

Donations to two Catholic Charities programs may qualify the donor for Delaware state income tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program. Catholic Charities statewide Basic Needs program, which provides emergency financial assistance and financial coaching, and the Casa San Francisco shelter program, located in Sussex County, are both recognized by the Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) for the tax credit.

DSA has recently announced the NAA FY 2015 authorization of \$600,000 (an increase from last year) is available effective immediately. Therefore, DSHA is accepting NAA applications on a first-come, first-served basis.

The NAA tax credit available to any individual or business paying income tax in Delaware, as long as the contribution is made to an approved NAA non-profit organization. Individual taxpayers must contribute a minimum of \$2,500 to receive an NAA credit, and the business minimum is \$10,000.

Two legislative changes are still in effect in the annual amount of credit for which any taxpayer (individual or business) is eligible. Taxpayers are eligible to receive up to \$50,000 in NAA tax credits in a single tax year and may receive no more than \$100,000 in NAA tax credits in any three-year period, beginning July 1, 2013.

In exchange for a qualified contribution, the donor receives state tax credits equal to 50% of their contribution. For example, a contribution of \$5,000 qualifies for \$2,500 in tax credits. DSHA staff members review applications and award the credits on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you would like to contribute to either Catholic Charities program and receive the tax credit, contact Paula Savini, Catholic Charities Community Relations Director, at 302.655.9624 or via email at psavini@ccwilm.org.

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

Memorial Walkway

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

July and August Parish Office Schedule

With summer officially here, the parishioner demands upon the parish office decrease dramatically, especially, on Fridays. Because of that, and because we wish to be good stewards, for July and August, the office will be open Fridays for just a half day, from 9 am to 12 noon. All other hours will remain the same. We will return to regular hours on Fridays in September.