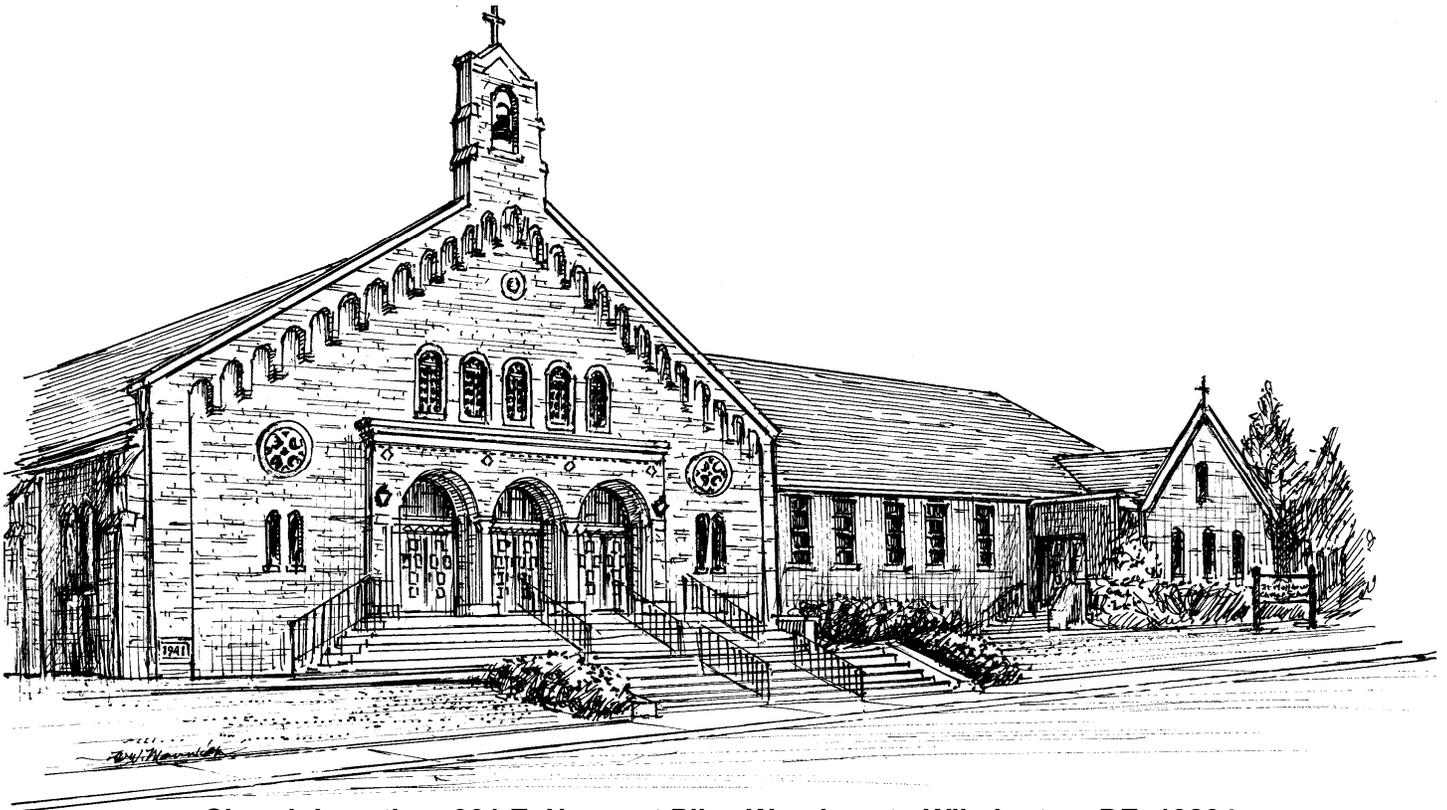


Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Parish

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



Give them some food yourselves

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

Gospel — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

GRACE IS EVERYWHERE

Grace is everywhere. People of faith act on this belief. As Christians we are called to reach deeply into ourselves and find God's presence there. We are called to reach outside ourselves and find God there, too.

The reality of grace has sustained and nourished people beyond numbering. The church never tires of telling the story of the loaves and fishes. It is narrated no less than six times in the four Gospels. We imagine the hesitant apostles reaching into the baskets and finding bread, always more bread. We anticipate the ending. The apostles will wear out before the bread runs out.

At another time and place, Isaiah also spoke of an abundance, this time of water, sweet honey, and rich milk. Always, always God is a gift-giver, and we the receivers. Our response is doxology, or praise. In the second reading Paul provides the words and attitude. Praise is everywhere

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2014**

Monday, August 4
Jer 28:2-27/Ps 119:29,43,
79,80,95,102/Mt 14:22-36
7:00 AM—People of the Parish
8:30 AM—Mass

Tuesday, August 5
Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22
Ps 102:16-21,29/22-23/
Mt 14:22-37
7:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM—Antonio Bucci

Wednesday, August 6
Dn 7:9-10,13-14/Ps 97:1-2,
5-6,9/Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
7:00— AM—Robert J. Asher
8:30 AM—Ralph Degli Obizzi

Thursday, August 7
Jer 31: 31-34/Ps 51:12-15,1819
Mt 16:13-23
7:00 AM— Mass
8:30 AM—Alice Dolan

Friday, August 8
Na 2:1,3:31:1-3,6-7/Dt 32:
35cd-36ab,39abcd,41/Mt 16:24-28
7:00 AM—Daniel Nicoletti
8:30 AM— Erna Purse

Saturday, August 9
Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-13
Mt 17:14-20
8:30 AM— Mass
5:00 PM— Raymond F. Smolka

Sunday, August 10
1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/
Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
7:30 AM—Mass
9:00 AM— Josephine Przywara
11:30 AM—Mass

Thank You For Your Generosity: \$ 3,005.69
Propagation of the Faith—\$108.42

.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.

Mass Intentions



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most parishes are now aware of the catechumenate and the journey of new faithful in the RCIA, but this form of sacramental initiation disappeared from view in the thirteenth century along with many other ancient practices. Life back then was hard, and often too short, and priests were increasingly insistent about the responsibility of parents to baptize children in danger of death. Since everyone in that society was under unimaginable threat from famine, warfare, and plague, the liturgical rites changed quickly. Everyone was in danger of death all the time. No longer were babies immersed in fonts, being lowered into the water, although the ritual books never backed down from immersion. Infusion was the new way, a simple pouring of a few drops of water on the child's forehead.

The catechumenate collapsed, being reduced to the recitation of the Creed and an Our Father at every baptism. Amazingly, any provision for adult baptism was shelved, so that as late as the 1950s, a person being baptized was presumed to be an infant, unable to answer for him or herself. Questions of creed and commitment were put to the godparents, not to the person being baptized. Even Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton, famous adult converts, remained mute at their baptisms while their sponsors answered for them. In hindsight all this appears strikingly odd, yet it was accepted as the way things were. We have good reason to give thanks for the vigorous reforms of the last fifty years!

PRAYER AND HUMILITY

Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes.

St. Philomena Mass—August 10

You are invited to attend a St. Philomena Feast Day Celebration Mass on August 10th at 2:00 pm at Holy Spirit Church, 12 Winder Road., New Castle, DE. Presider will be Fr. Jason Kulczynski, National Director of the Archconfraternity of St. Philomena, USA. A first class relic of St. Philomena will be available for veneration. Following the Mass, refreshments will be offered, and a video of the Sanctuary of St. Philomena in Avellino, Italy will be shown in the parish hall. For more information, please call 658.10 9.

Reflecting on God's Word

Two years ago Michon and her children had gotten their own apartment and left the safety of the women's shelter behind. Three weeks ago she brought the children back for the first time since they had left. They came for the feast celebrating the grand opening of the shelter's new addition. The feast had felt just like old times, only better, with plenty of speeches, laughter, tears, and hugs, and more than enough food to go around. Michon was glad to be able to bring a big chicken salad to share. There had been plenty of meals when she had nothing to contribute. At the feast everyone commented on how happy Michon's children looked and how much they'd grown. Since then she had already returned to the shelter four times as a volunteer.

A feast could be defined as a large gathering of people to share food and memories in celebration of a significant event or vision. Feasts have an amazing power to heal and nourish our spirits, to bind us together in love, and motivate us to care for one another. The feasts in today's scriptures illustrate the miraculous physical and spiritual nourishment that takes place when we gather for the Eucharist, to celebrate the memory and promise of "the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39).

Living God's Word

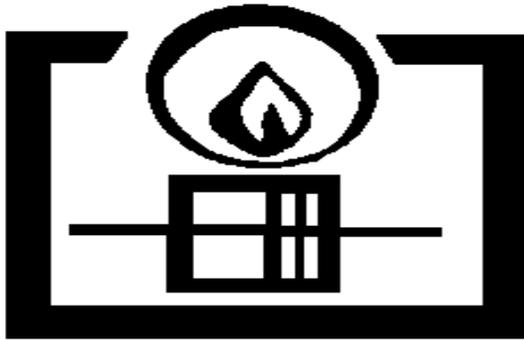
In the Gospel we hear that Jesus "was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick" (Matthew 14:14). Then we hear Jesus say to the disciples, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves" (Matthew 14:16). How do these statements speak to your heart today?



Save the Date

Mark your calendars for St. Matthew Parish Picnic!

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!



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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 August 3rd the candle is lit in memory of the Leavey Family.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

If we believe, Jesus will give us all the food we need for our marriage. Enrich your Sacrament of Marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on November 7-9 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information, visit our website at: www.wwme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Dave and Cyndi Germack @ 302.22.9833.

Diocese of Wilmington Women's Conference!

Saturday, November 1, 2014/Check-in from 8:00—8:45/St. Joseph Parish Middletown, Delaware.

Conference Speaker, Johnette 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. Women of Grace is a Catholic apostolate which began in 2003. The mission of Women of Grace is to transform the world one woman at a time by affirming women in their dignity and vocation as daughters of God and in their gift of authentic femininity. The Conference includes Mass, Presentations, Lunch and Inspirational Music by St. Joseph Parish Contemporary Group. The day concludes by 4:00 with an informational session about becoming a facilitator and/or how you can bring the upcoming Women of Grace Study, *Feminine Genius: Toward A Deep Theology of Woman* to your parish! Cost \$30.00 lunch on your own/\$40 "box-lunch". Informational/Registration Form: (3 Ways): 1) Visit the Diocesan website www.cdow.org under "Offices & Ministries"/click "Marriage and Family Life"/click "Women's Outreach" and print out the information flyer/registration form or 2) The informational flyer/registration form can be mailed to you by calling the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 302.295.0667 or 3) A limited supply of information flyer/registrations forms were mailed to each parish office with the June 26 diocesan parish mailings. Register Early—Johnette books up quickly!

Part-Time Cook

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 week.

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center ~ 2501 Milltown Road., Wilmington, DE. 19808
302.995.6859.

Part Time Cleaning Position

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center is looking for a part-time person(s) to clean our cottages after retreats. The schedule will vary from month to month. The job will not exceed 15 hours for any given retreat and the time of day worked is very flexible. The pay is \$10.00 per hour.

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.