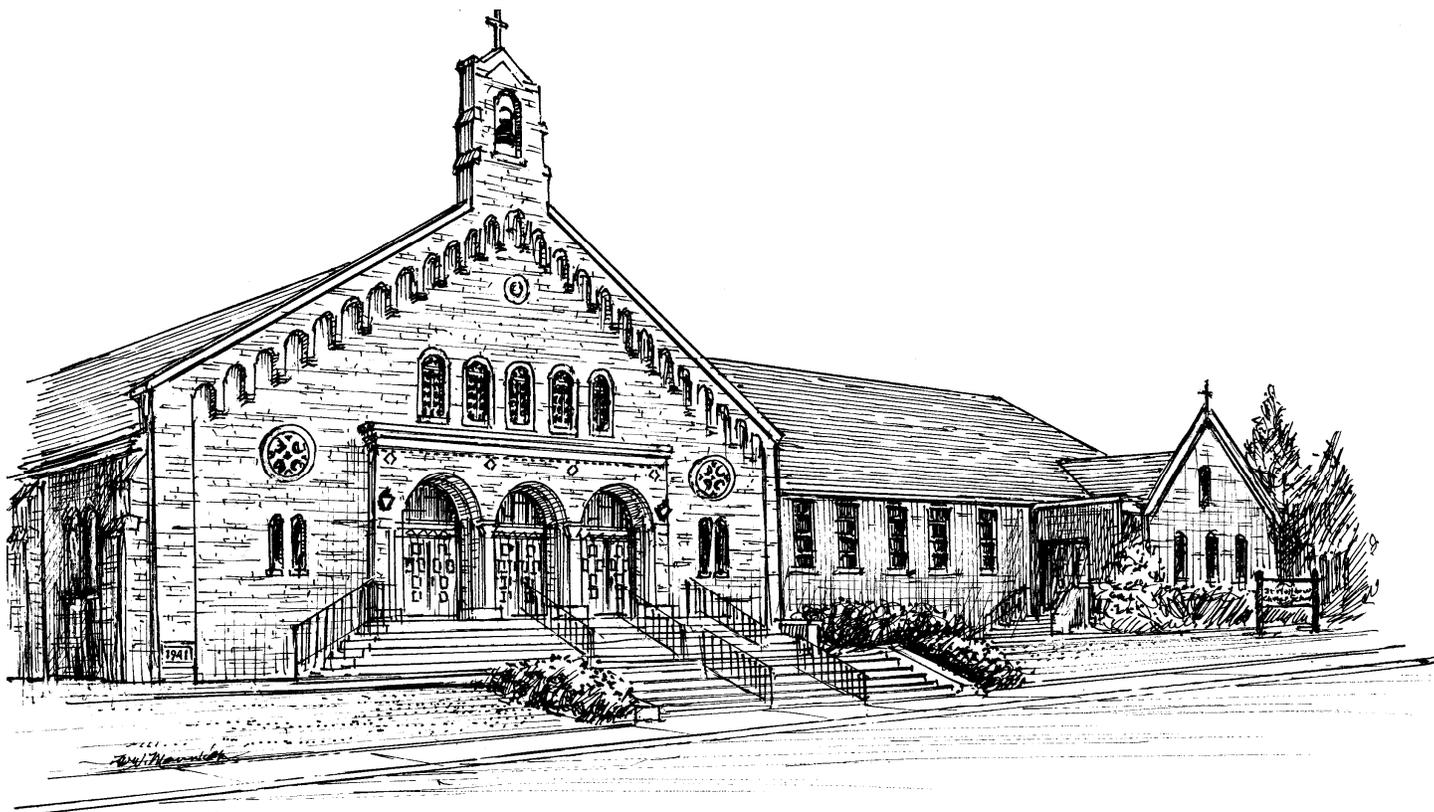


Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Parish

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

Mrs. Diana Thompson Principal

St. Matthew Office

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm

Parish Tel: 302-633-5850 Fax: Automatic

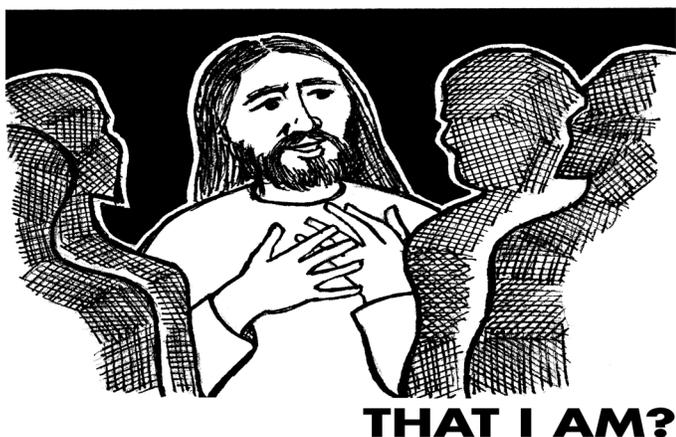
Parish Office—1013 E. Newport Pike

Web site: www.saintmatthewsparish.org

Email: info@saintmatthewsparish.org

Religious Education: 302-633-5860 ext. 158

WHO DO YOU SAY



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THAT I AM?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ" (Matthew 16:13-20).

THE ROCK

Peter was Jesus' choice to lead the fragile band of apostles. In today's Gospel, Simon is given a new name—Peter, the "rock." In John's Gospel, Peter is called to be a shepherd. He is expected to lay down his life for his sheep. And tradition tells us that he did just that. But today we think about the durable rocklike quality that Jesus needed in a leader.

Peter was appointed to his leadership position for reasons we are not able to fathom. God knows, and Jesus knew well, that Peter was flawed. We cannot mistake his enthusiasms, though, his manifest love, and his great, exuberant faith. Those virtues saw him through. They are durable, tough, beautiful virtues. They make Peter a sympathetic and lovable person. They provide us with the balance and humor that we need as we consider our own roles in the universal church.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2014

Monday, August 25
2Thes 1:1-5,11-12/Ps 96:1-5
Mt 23:13-22
7:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM—Mass

Tuesday, August 26
2 Thes 2:1-3a,14-17/Ps 96:10-13
Mt 23:23-26
7:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM—Muriel Baker

Wednesday, August 27
2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18/Ps 124:1-2
4-5/Mt 23:27-32
7:00— AM—People of the Parish
8:30 AM—Alice Dolan

Thursday, August 28
! Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt
24:42-51
7:00 AM— Mass
8:30 AM—Mass

Friday, August 29
1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2,4-5
10-11/Mk 6:17-29
7:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM— Antonio Di Pilla

Saturday, August 30
1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13,18-21
My 25:14-30
8:30 AM— Mass
5:00 PM— Judith Mahoney

Sunday, August 31
Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6,8-9/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
7:30 AM—John Ratsep
9:00 AM— Joseph A. Palermo
11:30 AM—Muriel Baker

Thank You For Your Generosity: \$4,281.50
Diocesan Assessment -\$443.00

.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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The DEADLINE for bulletin submissions is -

August 25, 2014

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have looked at the evolution of how Roman Catholics initiate children into the life of the Church. How did customs evolve in the Eastern Church? At one time, Christians in both East and West preferred to celebrate baptism in a community setting, with large numbers of adults and children initiated at Easter. The two branches of Christianity began to split on the proper time to do this.

In the East, water was blessed in abundance on the feast of the Epiphany, which marked, among other things, the baptism of the Lord. Once infant baptism was fixed on that day, local customs marking a birth began to evolve. One celebration was the giving of a name on the eighth day, another was the "purification" of the mother on the fortieth day after birth. In that blessing, re-enacting Mary and Joseph's journey to the temple, the priest took the baby in his arms and placed the child before the altar. Just as Simeon received the child Jesus, so the priest received the new Christian while chanting Simeon's prayer. Later, normally on Epiphany, the priest would baptize, chrismate (confirm), and give a few drops of the Precious Blood to the child in a joyous celebration of the whole community.

Countless groups and individuals are served through diocesan ministries. These ministries require assistance, direction and support by the Diocese. This week's issue of the Dialog discusses the need for supporting these ministries through the Sustaining Hope for the Future campaign. For more information, pick up your copy today as you leave Mass or visit the diocesan website, www.cdow.org. Click on the Sustaining Hope for the Future icon.

BVM Sodality –September Meeting 9/6/14—

Please join us for our first meeting of the new season. Our meeting will follow the 8:30 am Mass, Rosary, and Litany on Saturday, September 6, 2014. I hope that you will be able to join us. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Becker-Graham at 994.1164.

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

BVM Sodality Annual Communion Breakfast

Our Annual Communion Breakfast will be held at the *Hunters Den* on Sunday, October 12, 2014 immediately following the 9:00 am Mass. The cost is \$16.00 per person. We are very pleased to have Fr. Leonard R. Klein as our speaker. Please contact Barbara Becker-Graham—994.1164—for further information and reservations.



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!

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.

12th Annual Golf Outing at Chisel Creek Golf Club to benefit Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center

13 Chisel Creek Drive, Landenberg, PA 19350

Monday, September 8, 2014

11:00 am: Registration in the Lobby

Noon: Lunch—Cookout

1:00 pm Tee-off

6:00 pm: Dinner at the Club House

Cost \$130/person by August 24th—\$140/person after August 24th

Cost includes: golf fee & cart, delicious lunch and dinner, drinks, snacks, and great prizes (and door prizes!)

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams—CASH!
- Men's Women's, Senior, Longest drive, Closest to pin on par 3

For details and directions, contact us at: Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center ~ 2501 Milltown Road., Wilmington, DE. 19808 ~ (302-995-6859)

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!



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The Sanctuary Lamp/Candle is lit in memory of the Cichocki Family.

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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

Volunteers Needed to deliver Meals on Wheels. The time involved is once every six weeks for approximately two hours. This is to deliver the hot meals to shut ins at the noon hour on Tuesday. Please call Shirley McKeown—998-0014—for questions, additional information or to volunteer.

The 58th Annual St. Hedwig Polish Festival, September 15-20, 2014 (Monday to Saturday) at the Wilmington Riverfront, in Wilmington, Delaware. Delicious food, live-music, midway rides and attractions, vendors, and more. Great family fun! Admittance and parking are free. Monday—Friday, 5 to 10 pm; and Saturday 3 to 10pm, with special lunch only on Thursday and Friday, (September 18 and 19) from 11 am to 1:30 pm. For more information, visit PolishFestival.net