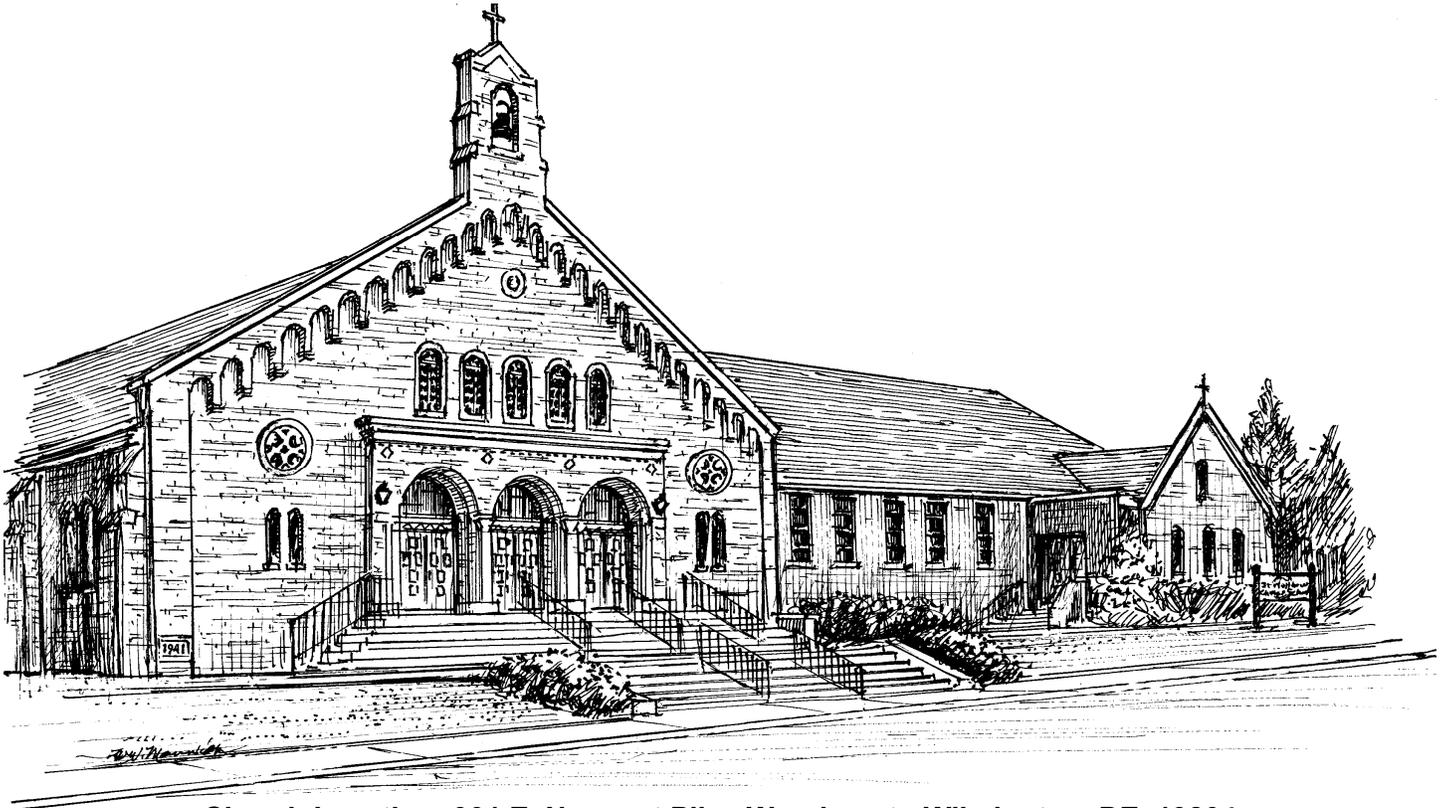


Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Parish

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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Mrs. Diana Thompson Principal

St. Matthew Office

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Religious Education: 302-633-5860 ext. 158



OUR LADY OF SORROWS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, they lived (Numbers 21:4b-9).

Psalm — Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that those who believe might have eternal life (John 3:13-17).

Being Lifted Up

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds Nicodemus how Moses had "lifted up the serpent in the desert." Then Jesus says, "So must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him." The evangelist clearly saw this "lifting up" of Jesus to mean his crucifixion.

That "lifting up" of the serpent by Moses is described in today's first reading. The people were attacked by "saraph serpents," and many died. God had Moses make an image of the serpent and put it on a pole and lift it up. The people who had been bitten looked at it and recovered.

Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." Lifted up on the cross, he was despised and seemed the most abject of people. But it was in embracing this disgrace and painful death that he became the bearer of eternal life for all of us. His "lifting up" in shame was also his "lifting up" in glory and triumph.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2014

Monday, September 15
1 Cor 11:17-26,33/Ps 40
7-10,17 Jn 19:25-27
7:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM—Mass

Tuesday, September 16
1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a/Ps 100
1-5/Lk 7:11-17
7:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM—Antonio DiPilla

Wednesday, September 17
1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-5
12-22/Lk 7:31-35
7:00—AM—Mass
8:30 AM—Alice Dolan

Thursday, September 18
1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2,
16ab-17,28/Lk 7:36-50
7:00 AM— Mass
8:30 AM—Betty Cichocki

Friday, September 19
1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd,6-8b,
15/Lk 8:1-3
7:00 AM—People of the Parish
8:30 AM— Anthony DeLuca

Saturday, September 20
1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49/Ps 56:
10c-14/Lk 8:4-15
8:30 AM— Joan Dudzic
5:00 PM— Walter Nedwick

Sunday, September 21
Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3,8—9
17-18/Phl 1:20c-24,27a/Mt 20:1-16a
7:30 AM—Edward Piekarski
9:00 AM— Elizabeth Cichocki
11:30 AM—Carol Taras

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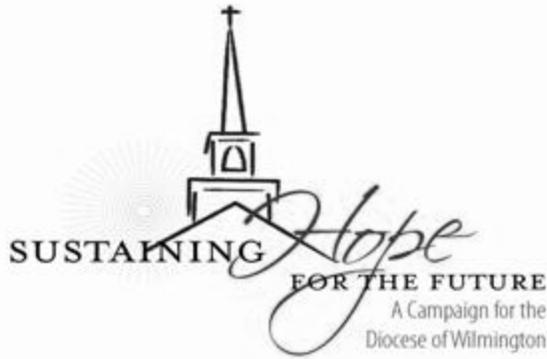
.For a complete list of groups and phone numbers, please visit www.saintmatthewsparish.org and click on "CONTACT US" LINK. You may also call the Parish Office at 633.5850.

The DEADLINE for bulletin submissions is -

September 15, 2014

Mass Intentions





Jesus asks us to commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent, and our treasure as an outward sign of the love and gratitude we have for Him.

A special thanks to all of the parishioners who have generously agreed to serve as volunteers in the **Sustaining Hope for the Future** campaign. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated by our parish and by the Diocese. Your work will have a significant impact on the future of our Church.

Volunteers are still needed please call the Parish office and leave your information or contact one of the campaign chairs; Colette Horkey 994-1529 email cratsep@aol.com or Barbara Becker-Graham 994-1164 or bbg@schaffnerholdings.com, or Rosemarie DeLong 995-1946.

The formal kickoff for **Sustaining Hope for the Future** campaign is next weekend! All parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass in support of our campaign kickoff! We will be showing the campaign video at each Mass.

Our parish campaign will fund the diocese need as well as our own needs which are resurfacing the parking lot and installation of a new boiler.

Adult Faith Formation

Our discussions on the video series "Catholicism" begins again on Tuesday, September 9th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the parish center. New participants are very welcome! Study guide and discussion questions will be provided. For more information call Marguerite at (302) 229-8218

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Next week, parishioners throughout the diocese will be asked to help make the dream of a Catholic education a reality for struggling Catholic families. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition.

Through this collection, our Bishop is reaching out to believing and worshipping Catholics like you to assist him in ensuring that the Catholic commitment to total education of our children does not fade away because people cannot afford it. Since the Church has the mission to educate and since this mission directly affects the quality of life we experience as Catholics, all of us have a stake in Catholic education.

It is in light of this reality that I ask you to consider support next week's *Share in the Spirit* collection. God bless you for your goodness.

Birthright's Annual Bottles for Babies Event

Throughout October, Respect Life month, Birthright of Delaware will have its Bottles for Babies event. On the weekend of October 4th & 5th baby bottles will be distributed after all the Masses. We ask you to take one home. Please read the insert, fill the bottle with loose change and return it the weekend of November 1st and 2nd. Proceeds benefit pregnant women and their infants. On behalf of our mothers, Birthright graciously thanks you!

Liturgy of the Word for Children

We will begin the Liturgy of the Word for Children during the 9 o'clock mass on Sunday, September 14th.

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Sponsored by St. Matthew Activities Committee

All are invited to come and celebrate the feast of St. Matthew at our Annual Parish Picnic

When: Sunday, September 21, 2014

Where: Banning Park—Carey Pavilion (Top of the Hill)

Time: 12– 3 pm.

“No Pets”

Please bring lawn chairs.

We are asking that everyone bring something. It will go by last name.

A-H - Side Dish

I -N— Desserts

M- Z - Drinks

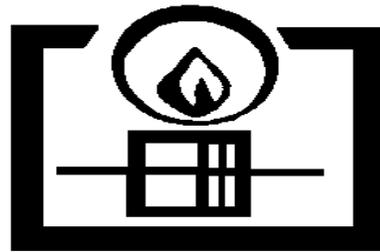
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Condiments will be provided.

We will be having raffles, and games such as Bingo, Whipped Cream Beard Relay Race, Toilet Paper Mummy Relay Race, and more fun games.

Please call Pat at 302.633.5850 ext. 158 or Colette at 302.994.1529 to let us know if you are coming, and how many adults and children will be attending.

We will be needing volunteers for cooking, set up, and clean up. ~ sign up sheets at the doors in Church.

Please call and let us know if you are available to help.



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

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.

St. John the Beloved Parish, 907 Milltown Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19808 is having a Consignment Sale (Swap Shop) Saturday, September 20th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. To sell items call Debbie Petrucci at 994-5327 no later than 9/12/14. Selling items from A to Z including costume jewelry and bake sale goodies. Lunch is also available.

Parish Drive For the Poor and Needy Scheduled

The Fall 2014 Parish Drive for the Poor and Needy, sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 4-5, 2014 at St. Margaret of Scotland Church on Frazer Road at Route 40 in Glasgow.

Items accepted include, in GOOD CONDITION ONLY, gently used clothing, furniture, house wares, small appliances, toys, blankets, sheets etc., which will be donated to Catholic Charities Catholic Thrift Shop. In addition, non-perishable food and personal care items will be accepted for our Emergency Food Closet. Donations will be accepted Saturday from 5 pm—7 pm and Sunday, from 8 am to 12 (noon). Volunteers will be thee to help load items onto the truck, and tax receipts will be available. For more information, please call 834.0225.

Book Study Group: Falling Upward

by Richard Rohr

September 17—November 12, 2014—10 am—noon
Facilitated by Angie Malmgren, the group will meet in the small dining room of the Malmgren Center every Wednesday from September 17 through November 12. The book may be ordered through our website which has a link to Amazon. (We get a small return whenever you order through our site). We hope you will be able to join us this Fall. Feel free to invite a friend! We look forward to seeing you. Suggested offering: \$50. To register, call our office 302.995.6859.

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center 2501 Milltown Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19808 ~
www.jesushousecenter.org.

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

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