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Fourth Sunday of Easter

NEWS

APRIL 22, 2018

I am the GOOD SHEPHERD and I know mine and mine know me. I will lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10

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You Are Loved by Him and Welcomed Here...

The Parish Family of St. Matthew is a prayerful Catholic Community.
Empowered by the Holy Spirit to witness and celebrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
we share our gifts with faith, hope and love *in service to all*.

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mass times & information

DAILY MASSES
M-F: 12:10pm
Monday Novena, 6:30pm
First Friday Novena, 12:10pm, 7:00pm
Church is open daily: 9am-4pm
Chapel is open daily: 7am-7pm

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday 4pm Vigil
Sunday 7:30am 9am
10:30am 12noon 5pm
Parish Phone: 203-838-3788

HOLY EUCHARIST
If someone is ill, homebound or hospitalized, please contact Sr. Sally, Pastoral Assistant, ext.118.

RECONCILIATION
Saturday, 3:15-4:00pm
1st Tuesday of the month, 7-8pm; or by appointment.

ANOINTING
To receive the Sacrament of Anointing, please call Sr. Sally, Pastoral Assistant, ext. 118.

BAPTISMS
Parish membership & preparation class required. Email Lorraine DeRosa: Lorraine.711@hotmail.com.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION
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PARISH REGISTRATION
Forms are in the Parish Office & on website, StMatthewNorwalk.org.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER
Send confidential prayer intentions to StMatthewPrays@gmail.com or call 203-274-3313.

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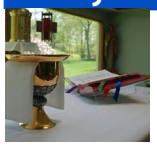
Looking Ahead...

Sunday, April 22	9am All Saints Catholic School Parish Mass
Monday, April 23	Fit Club, 7:30pm
Tuesday, April 24	Walking with Purpose Women's Scripture Study, 9:30-11am Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:30pm
Wednesday, April 25	Food Pantry, 9am-12pm Fit Club, 6:30pm Walking with Purpose Women's Scripture Study, 7:30-9pm
Thursday, April 26	Bereavement Group, 4-5:30pm Choir Rehearsal, 4-8pm Night in the Holy Land Q/A & Video Presentation, 7:30pm
Saturday, April 28	Bible Transcription Event, 8:45am-12Noon
Sat/Sun, April 28/29	Rosary Sign-up for May
Sunday, April 29	First Eucharist Presentation 9am Mass
Sunday, April 29	Wedding Anniversary Celebration 10:30am Mass
Sunday, April 29	Funeral Expense Q/A Seminar, 1pm

Daily Mass in the Chapel



Just a reminder: Our Daily Masses are back in the Chapel! Join us for Mass, Monday through Friday at 12:10pm, and Monday night Miraculous Medal Novena Mass at 6:30pm.

Next Baptism Workshop

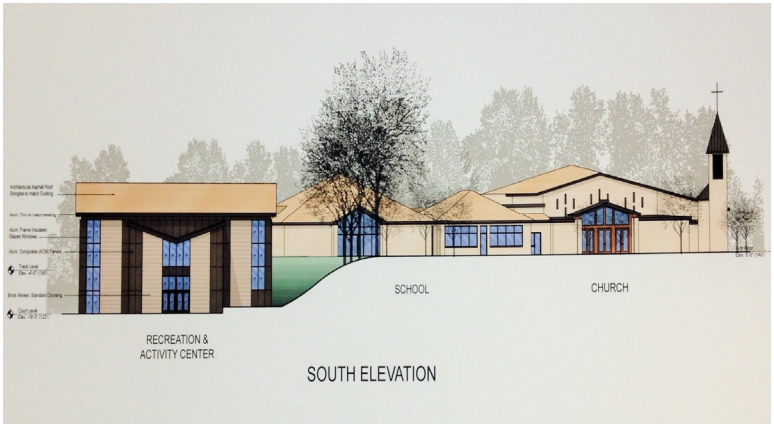
Sunday, May 20th after the 12Noon Mass

Baptismal workshops with Msgr. Walter are held the **third Sunday of each month after the 12noon Mass in the Church.** No pre-registration is needed! Come one, Come all! For info, please contact: Lorraine.711@hotmail.com.

Christ Loves and Knows His Sheep...

The Heart of the Good Shepherd tells us that his love is limitless. It is never exhausted and it never gives up. There we find the source of that meek love which sets free and makes others free. Christ loves and knows his sheep. His flock is his family and his life. He is not a boss to be feared by his flock, but a shepherd who walks alongside them and calls them by name. Pope Francis

From the Desk of Msgr. Walter....



Dear Parish Family,

The Final Renderings for the ***St. Matthew Rec and Life Center*** have been fine-tuned and look great. The Center is very serviceable. Easy to get in, easy out access. Street level walking and running track....down below are the basketball courts, space where the NCC Newman Center will be based, and much, much more! We'll be going to Planning and Zoning in May, and should break ground by the Fall. When you're in Church, be sure to take an up-close look at these new renderings in the Vestibule. Questions about the Center? I'm happy to talk. Just give me a call...203-838-3788, ext. 127.

In His Love, Msgr. Walter

Christian Service

Wednesday Free Professional Consultations

St. Matthew Church offers **Professional Consultations** open to all, free of service, on every Wednesday evening. For an appointment, please email or call Margaret Riobo, 203-846-6685; StMatthewConsultations@gmail.com.

- **Recovery Life Coaching for Alcohol or Drug Mis-use**
- **Counselors for Family Life, Adults, Children**
- **Immigration Attorney**
- **Financial Counselor**
- **Annulments**

St. Matthew Collaborates with St. Roch Raffle

In the Spirit of the Synod, we are collaborating with St. Roch Parish in Greenwich and other Parishes in St. Roch's annual multiple Parish fundraiser raffle. Raffle tickets sell for $25 each. St. Matthew will receive 50% of the tickets sold by our Parish ($12.50 per ticket). Prizes are Amex gift cards from $2,000-30,000. Tickets may be purchased in our Parish Office. Good Luck!

NCC STUDENTS MEETING

Sunday, April 29
after the 9am Mass

Newman Club
CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

We'll meet in the Conference Room after the 9am Mass regarding the establishment of the **Catholic Newman Club at Norwalk Community College. The Club is a ministry** to strengthen Young Adults in the Catholic faith during their college years and will be based at St. Matthew Recreational Life Center. Join us if you're an NCC student!

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

Saturday, May 5 at 5pm

Would you like to spend time reflecting on the Word of God? Join us for Reflection and Meditation **every First Saturday of the month at 5pm.** For information, please contact Cristina Brown at: CBrown1226@optonline.net.

PRAY...EAT...MEET

Sunday, May 6 **Young Adults, 21-29 yrs.**

Our Pray, Eat, Meet Young Adult Group meets the First Sunday of each month at the 12 noon Mass, followed by brunch at a diner or the Rectory with Msgr., Fr. Sunil & Fr. Tomi. Join us! Email Amy to let her know if you can make it, or to connect with this Group: **SMYforJ@gmail.com.**

Save the date!

SUMMER CARNIVAL at St. Matthew!

August 22-25

Wednesday-Saturday

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 23
12:10pm †Barbara Dohenny
6:30pm †Monsignor George Curtiss

Tuesday, April 24
12:10pm †James Billick

Wednesday, April 25
12:10pm †Muriel Rudd

Thursday, April 26
12:10pm †Josephine Muoio

Friday, April 27
12:10pm †Barbara Banks-Altekruse

Saturday, April 28
4:00pm †Carmella Yannetti
†Paul Sollazzo & Maisano Family
†Joseph Schiavone
†Anne Dreyer
†Ralph Tucci
†Richard Resch
†Gerald Clarise
†Douglas Knowles
†Mark Nucera
†Jon Marc Krawiecki

Sunday, April 29
7:30am †John & Helen Severini
9:00am †Vincent & Alice Conte, Linda Girard
10:30am †Penny Krois
12Noon †Joseph Valiante
5:00pm †Living Intention for Anne Reyna
†Anne Dreyer
†Douglas Knowles
†Living Intention for Ameres Family
†Rocio Smyth
†Anne Smyth
†Rosemary Burke

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- **Pray for the priests who have ministered to you**
- **Keep our priests in your prayers**
- **Encourage young people you know to consider a vocation**
- **Pray for the men and women in our Diocese to respond to God's call**

Parish Support

April 15th Offertory:	$16,287.21
Online Giving:	$1,528.00
Total Regular Collection:	$17,815.21
Average:	$25.45
Offertory Same Week, 2017	$56,757.70
Votives:	$148.00
2nd Collection	
Parish Renovations & Rec Center	$5,173.00

Thank you so much for your *generosity*. Your weekly support makes all the difference in our operations and ministries. May all the Blessings of Easter be yours! *In His Love, Msgr. Walter*

The Sanctuary Candle

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Please keep them in your prayers.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for
Nikolaus Wirth
John Christiano, Sr.
who have gone home to the Lord. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There is no other name under heaven by which we are to be saved than the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (Acts 4:8-12).
Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).
Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).
Gospel — I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Sólo en Jesús encontrará el mundo la salvación (Hechos 4:8-12).
Salmo — La piedra que desecharon los arquitectos, es ahora la piedra angular (Salmo 118 [117]).
Segunda lectura — Nos hemos covertido en hijos de Dios por el amor que el Padre nos tiene (1 Juan 3:1-2).
Evangelio — El Padre ama a Jesús, el Buen Pastor, que da la vida por sus ovejas (Juan 10:11-18).

TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND with Msgr. Walter

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Join Us for "Night in the Holy Land" at St. Matthew Church...

When: April 26th at 7pm
What: Question/Answer...Wine & Cheese and Video of the Holy Land
Where: The Great Room

Join Msgr. Walter for a Question/Answer Information Night about the Holy Land Trip. We'll welcome Lucille from Regina Tours and Fr. Abelardo Vasquez from St. Mary Parish in Stamford. Open to anyone who might be interested in the Holy Land Pilgrimage!

APPLY NOW

PARISH SCHOLARSHIPS

2018 ST. MATTHEW SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the 2018 Parish Scholarships are available in the Office after Mass or on our website for students in High Schools, Colleges & Universities. Students must be active participants in Parish Life at St. Matthew Church (i.e. Mass Minister, Volunteer, etc) and must be able to provide evidence from your school that you are doing the same. To be eligible for a scholarship you must attend Mass weekly. **Applications must be turned in to the Parish Office by May 27th, at 5pm.**

Hand-Written Bible Event at St. Matthew Church

A Unique Family Activity to Grow Your Family's Faith!

Date: Saturday, April 28
Time: 8:45am-12Noon
Who: Moms, Dads, Youth Grade 5 & above- College
Register Online: by April 25 at: TeenTranscribedBible.info

Each participant will hand-write two assigned Chapters of the Bible on the day of the event. The completed Bible will be professionally bound and presented at the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Questions? TeenTBible@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Procession - Save the Date...

3pm Sunday, June 3, the Feast of Corpus Christi

On the Feast of Corpus Christi, we will process out onto the road to witness our faith in the Eucharistic Lord. Six volunteers are needed to co-chair the Procession. If you can assist, please contact BethAnn Murray: **BafMazz@gmail.com.**

Trinity Catholic Legacy Gala to Honor Msgr. Walter

Friday, April 27th, 6:30pm

The Waters Edge at Giovanni's

To order tickets/questions - contact Betsy ***at: 203.487.8243 or email: bmercede@trinitycatholic.org.***

Honorees are Msgr. Walter C. Orlowski, Wally & Mary Hurd and Ron & Joanne Salvatore.

Funeral Expense Q&A

Sunday, April 29, 1pm

Put your mind at ease….Join us

Come join us for an informal Q&A on how Social Security, V.A., & state benefits as well as personal trust and insurance accounts can help ease the burden of funeral expenses. Presented by *Magner Funeral Home.* Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to the Parish Office, 203-838-3788, ext.101.

Faith Formation

Religious Ed: Erma Moore, 203-838-3788, ext. 107
Confirmation: Liz Reid, 203-838-3788, ext. 163

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

April 22: **Catechetical Seminar**
Eucharist Workshop: 10-11:30am
Pre K & K: 10:15-11:30am
Grade 8 & Confirmation Prep: 5-7:30pm
April 23: Gr. 1-3: 4:15-5:30om
Gr. 4-7: 6-7:15pm
April 24: Gr. 1-7: 4:15-5:30pm
Gr. 1-7: 6-7:15pm
April 29: Home School: 9-11:30am
Grade 8 & Confirmation Prep: 5-7:30pm

First Eucharist Workshop Mandatory

Sunday, April 22, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Families will come to the 9 a.m. Mass together, then proceed to the Great Room. From there, the Catechists will leave with their students to their classrooms. The parents will remain in the Great Room and receive a Presentation from Sister Mary Ann Rossi, CND. The workshop should be completed by 11:30 a.m. Questions regarding First Eucharist will be answered after the Presentation.

First Eucharist Rehearsals

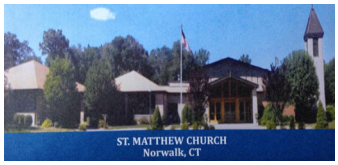
- **7:30pm Monday, April 30 for those receiving First Eucharist on May 5**
- **7:30pm Monday, May 7 for those receiving First Eucharist May 12.**

Welcome, Sr. MaryAnn Rossi!

We're delighted to welcome Sr. MaryAnn Rossi, Congregation of Notre Dame. Sr. MaryAnn will lead our Eucharist Workshop for our youth who are preparing for their First Eucharist and their parents on Sunday, April 22 at 10am in the Great Room. Sr. MaryAnn is Pastoral Minister for her community at Lourdes in Wilton.

May 13th Envelopes...

When you receive the May Offertory Envelopes, you will find three envelopes for May 13th. The envelope marked, "The Collection for the Catholic Communications" has the wrong date - it should have been marked May 20th.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2018

July 9-13
PRE-K - GRADE 5
9am-12:30pm
MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP
1-4pm

Shipwrecked...Rescued by Jesus
Join us for Faith-building Fun!
Registration Forms are on the Faith Formation Page at: www.StMatthewNorwalk.org and available in the Parish Office.

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. **We're excited to offer Middle School Camp** for **Grades 6-8 in addition to our Pre-K- Gr. 5 Camp!** For information and registration, please contact our camp coordinators. **PRE- K–Gr.5: Joanne Obst, SaintMatthewVBS@yahoo.com, Middle School: Jennifer Herford, Jennifer.Herford@att.net**

Middle School Information Night

April 30th, 6:30pm

Are you searching for the right environment for your middle school child? Come on April 30th at 6:30pm and find out how our middle school can make an impact on your child's future. Discover how **All Saints Catholic School** is using personalized learning in middle school, learn about our innovative programs in STEM education, and about our many extracurricular activities including drama club, robotics club and multiple sports teams. Please register for this free event at **www.allsaintsnorwalk.com. Questions? Call 203-847-3881.**

Teens Invited to take SHU Journey of Faith

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - APPLY NOW

Space is available for the 2018 SHU Journey, June 24-29, an extraordinary six-day residential summer experience of faith education, self-discovery, and enjoyment for high school youth held each summer at Sacred Heart University. The week includes workshops, games, conversations with Catholic leaders, and a chance to experience university living – all at no cost. To register, visit www.sacredheart.edu/shujourney.

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For more information, call **Ron Miller (203-561-0523)** or **Anthony Armentano (203-246-6648).**
Please make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Council 14360 with note in memo: KofC Communion Breakfast. Note: There are only eight-person tables.

Knights Family Communion Breakfast, June 3 Registration

Name: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail _____
Persons: $15 Adults ____ Children 10 and under free ____
Cash $ ____ Check No. ____
I would like to be seated (if at all possible) with the following people:

_____

_____

Sr. Sally's Talk, "How Can This Be?"

Over 100 women gathered in the Great Room Sunday for the **Catholic Daughters Tea.** Many were inspired by Sr.'s talk, **"*How Can This Be*?"** Each of us may ask God that question many times over in our lives, just like Mary, Elizabeth and Zachariah asked in the Gospel story of the Visitation. *"You may say, 'how can this be,' and you may even protest, but objection or not, you are called and commissioned to hear, believe, proclaim and respond to God's blessings and actions in your every movement! ...Meister Eckhart said, 'What good is it for me if Mary gave birth to the son of God fourteen hundred years ago, if I do not also give birth to the Son of God in my time and my culture? We are all meant to be mothers of God. God is always needing to be born.'"*

For the **full text of Sr. Sally's inspiring talk, head over to** Facebook.com/StMatthewNorwalk. A huge thanks to the following St. Matthew **Confirmation Candidates** who helped the Catholic Daughters set-up for the tea and clean-up afterward: Toni Bombales, Farrell Aldrich, Ella Valiante, Joey Cambarieri, Ryan Santora, Sarah Wargo, John Pellegrino, Bobby Bona, and our great Confirmation leader, Liz Reid!

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