SAINT MATTHEW PARISH FAMILY

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 10 | 2019

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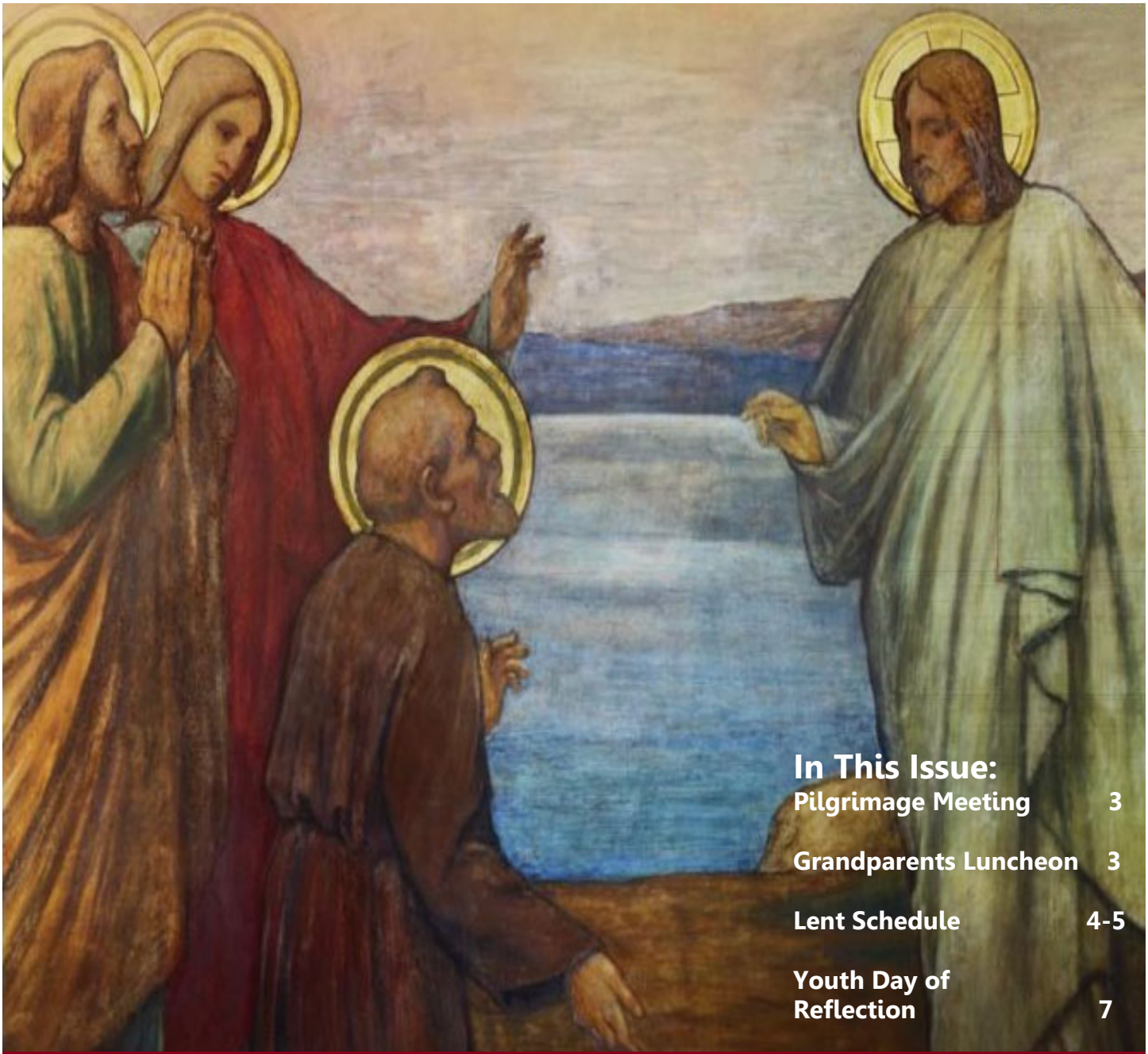

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Christ Came for All.
You Are Loved by Him and Welcomed Here.

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mass times & information

Parish Phone: 203-838-3788

DAILY MASSES
M-F: 9am; 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

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

CONFESSION
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
Prep workshop, 3rd Sunday after 12noon Mass. Email Lorraine: Lorraine.711@hotmail.com.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION
Erma Moore, ext. 107
email: StMattRelEd@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION
Liz Reid, ext. 107

YOUTH MINISTRY
Corinne Murphy, ext. 106

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MUSIC DIRECTOR
Valerie Wyman, ext., 109

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER
Send confidential prayer intentions to StMatthewPrays@gmail.com

CONSULTATIONS: 203-846-6685
StMatthewConsultations@gmail.com

Looking Ahead...

Sunday, Feb. 10	7:30am; 9am; 10:30am; 12noon; 5pm Masses Grade 8, after 9am Mass Catholic Daughter's Meeting, 11:30am Virtus Training, 1pm Baptisms after 12noon Mass Confirmation Class after 5pm Mass Youth Ministry Kick-off after 5pm Mass
Monday, Feb. 11	9am, 12:10pm; 6:30pm Masses 10am New Horizons Executive Meeting Faith Formation, 4:15-7:15pm; Fit Club, 7:30pm
Tuesday, Feb. 12	9am, 12:10pm Masses Walking with Purpose, 9:30am Faith Formation, 4:15-7:15pm Pilgrimage Meeting, 7:30pm
Wednesday, Feb. 13	9am, 12:10pm Masses Food Pantry, 9:30am-12noon 6pm Community Dinner Professional Consultations, 6-8pm Walking with Purpose, 7:30pm AA in Chapel, 8pm
Thursday, Feb. 14	9am, 12:10pm Masses New Horizons 12;10pm Mass & Luncheon Choir Rehearsal, 4-8pm; Fit Club, 6:30pm

Pre-Baptism Workshop: 2/17

Join Msgr. Walter on Sunday, Feb. 17 after the 12Noon Mass in Church...
All are welcome!
No pre-registration needed.
Questions? Lorraine.711@hotmail.com

Our Newly Baptized

We warmly welcome
Reyhan Marcia Aguilar
Joey Marcos Aguilar
Wesley Knox Jordi
Amelia Elizabeth Gentile
Olivia Kochanowicz
to our Parish Family!
Congratulations to their parents, family and loved ones.

clergy connect

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PereiraIMS@yahoo.com

Parochial Vicar
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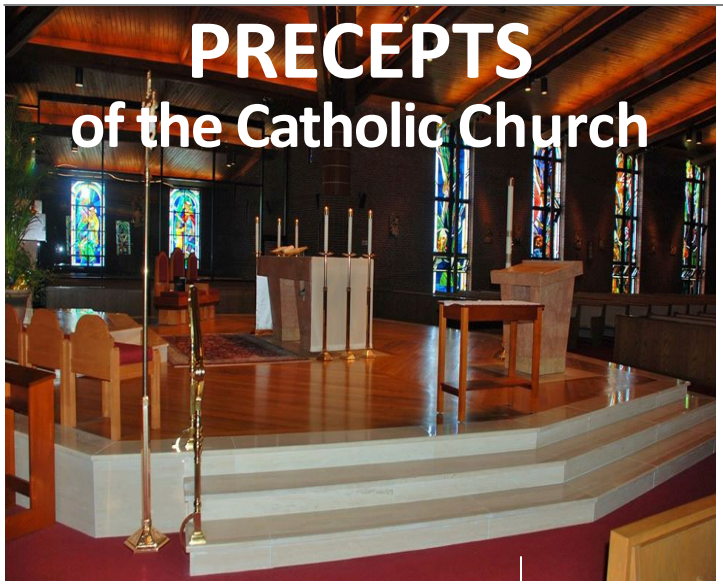
Business Manager
Steve Buckett, ext. 103

St. Matthew Gift Shop

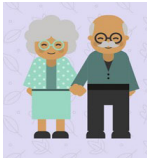
Gifts for Valentine's Day! Figurines, Books, Bracelets, Trinket Trays, Plaques & More...Gifts & Cards for all occasions. Most $1; buy five, get sixth free. Hours: During the week when the Office opens and after Sunday morning and noon Masses.



The Precepts of the Church describe the minimum effort we must make in prayer and in living a moral life. All Catholics are called to move beyond the minimum, by growing in love of God and love of neighbor.

1. **You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and rest from labor.**
2. **You shall confess your sins at least once a year.**
3. **You shall receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter season (Easter Duty).**
4. **You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence.**
5. **You shall help to support the material needs of the Church according to your own ability.**

Note that these precepts are required, unless you have a legitimate reason for not meeting them. For example: If you are sick or tending to a sick child and cannot get to Mass, it is not a mortal sin to miss Mass that day.



Grandparents & Grandchildren Luncheon!

Sunday, March 10 at 12Noon Mass

All St. Matthew Grandparents with their Grandchildren are invited to this very special 12Noon Mass, followed by **Lunch...Music....Dancing**.... and **a Talk by Msgr. Walter:**
"How We Can Learn from Each Generation."
To be a part of this day, you must bring your Grandchildren (25 years and under) or those who fill the role of grandchildren in your lives.
Grandchildren free! $10 per Grandparent.
Menu: Chicken-Pot-Pie, salad, dessert
Reservations needed - please call the Parish Office: 203-838-3788, ext. 101.

PILGRIMAGE MEETING

Calling All of Msgr's Holy Land Pilgrims & Fr. Tomi's Marian Pilgrims

Important!

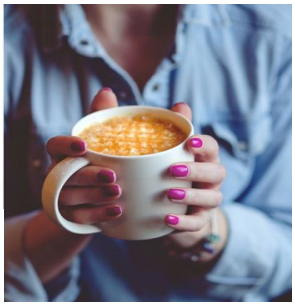
Tuesday, Feb. 12: 7:30pm in the Great Room

As we move into Lent, Msgr. Walter and Fr. Tomi have special plans for you! Join them to discuss Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

Please Join Us

WALKING WITH PURPOSE COFFEE CONNECT

Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 9:30am



We welcome all women of the Parish to come see what Walking With Purpose, a Scripture Study for Women, is all about! Come enjoy some coffee & goodies with us! Questions? Contact Mallory or Sisi: WWP.StMatthewNorwalk@gmail.com.

Catholic Daughters Ladies Tea

Sunday, March 3 at 2pm

Hats Encouraged!
Gift Baskets
$20 per person
Please join us for tea and a light lunch.
Guest Speaker: Corinne Murphy
Limited Seating!
Reservations needed, on a First-Come basis.
RSVP by February 25
Contact: Anita (203) 644-2875.

Catholic Daughters Ladies Tea Reservation Form

I would like to reserve _____place/s at $20.00 per person.

I've enclosed a check in the amount of $_____

Checks: Catholic Daughters, Court St. Matthew

Name:_____
Email: _____
Telephone: _____

Sponsored by The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Matthew #2640, Norwalk, CT.

TAKE THE LENTEN PLEDGE

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What Are Your Plans for Lent?

Prayerfully consider what you will do to grow closer to God during Lent….We'll write down our Lenten Pledges, collect them, put them up on the altar, and we'll pray for each other. We'll pray that we're faithful to our Lenten Pledges...

Where did Jesus Disappear?

A Day of Prayer in Lent
Saturday, March 16: 9:30-4pm
St. Birgitta, 4 Runkenhage Rd, Darien, CT

All Parishioners are invited for a Day of Retreat at St. Birgitta Convent: **Silent Prayer**, a talk on "**How to find Jesus in the Hustle and Bustle of the Day**," **Adoration, Confession** and Saturday **Vigil Mass**.
Fee: $30/ person. If you have a problem with payment please contact Fr. Tomi: ShobhitTom@yahoo.com.
Lunch, coffee, tea and snacks will be served.
Seats Available: 40
Preacher: Fr. Marco Pacciana, Rector at Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Stamford. To secure a place, contact: Ramona Bouffard: 203-274-3313; email: RamonaBouffard@WMconnect.com.

Are You a True Catholic?

A Day of Prayer in Lent
for Young Adults, 21-35yrs
Saturday, March 16: 9:30-4pm
St. Birgitta, 4 Runkenhage Rd, Darien, CT

Inviting all Parishioners between the ages of 21-35 for a Day of Retreat at St. Birgitta Convent: time to pray in silence, opportunity for Reconciliation, Adoration and challenging talks on, "Are you a true Catholic?"
Fee: $25/person. If you have a problem with payment, contact Fr. Tomi: ShobhitTom@yahoo.com.
Lunch, coffee, tea and snacks will be served.
Seats Available: 20; To secure a place, please contact: Thamarlande Onesair: smyforj@gmail.com

A Saturday with the Lord

at St. Matthew Church
Saturday, March 23: 9am-3:30pm

All Parishioners are invited to this retreat which will be guided by Msgr. Walter, Fr. Tomi and Fr. Sunil. Reflection, Meditation, Prayer, Adoration and opportunity for Reconciliation.

40 DAYS AND CROSSES

Bringing Parishioners and families together to pray the Stations of the Cross...

This Devotion will organize St. Matthew into 40 Groups as a reminder of the 40 days of Lent. Every Group can have six or more families. **We are looking for 40 people to be Group Leaders!**

HOW THIS DEVOTION WORKS

*On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, the Parish will give every Group a wooden Cross. A designated leader from every Group ensures that the Cross is passed from one family to the next family each week. The Cross is placed in an appropriate place in the house where all the members can gather to pray. Light two candles alongside of the Cross.

*Each family will be given a Stations of the Cross Prayer Booklet. The 14 Stations are divided into seven days. For busy families, you can pray two Stations daily; if you have more time, you can pray all of the 14 Stations. It is recommended that the family chooses an intention to pray for the entire week.

*On Good Friday, the Group Leader can invite all the families that participated in the event (and others) to pray a Rosary together at 2 pm, and then proceed to St. Matthew for the 3pm Service, bringing their Cross. At 2:50pm, all 40 Group Leaders will process in silence to the Church with their Crosses, meditating on the mystery of Christ's Passion and Death. The 40 Crosses will then be placed at a prominent place in the Sanctuary.

Interested in participating or leading a Devotion? Please contact Joanie Ragusa: 203-940-0581.

Healing Mass, Tuesday, March 26

at 12:10pm & 6:30pm

Come experience a peaceful and powerful Mass where God is present in the Eucharist and the charism of healing. We're happy to welcome back Fr. Thomas Sunil, V.C., Director of Divine Retreat Center, New Jersey. Fr. Thomas will be available for one hour after both Masses to meet individually with you.

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WALK-IN CHURCH FOR ASHES	MASSES WITH ASHES	ASHES ON THE BUS
6AM	7AM	10AM
8AM	9AM	
10AM		THROUGH
11AM	12:10PM	
1PM		3PM
2PM		
3PM	4PM	
5PM		
9PM	7:30PM	

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

DAILY MASS

M-F: 9am; 12:10pm; 6:30pm
First Friday: 7:00pm with Sacred Heart Novena

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:15-4pm
Every Tuesday: 7:00pm-8:00pm

STATIONS of THE CROSS

Fridays at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEDITATIONS

Every Wednesday in the Church
7:00pm-7:45pm

RETREATS

Youth Day of Reflection: Jr. High & High School
at St. Matthew, Sunday, March 17: 1pm-5pm
Day of Reflection for Young Adults, 21-35 yrs.
Convent of St. Birgitta, Darien, Saturday, Mar. 16: 9:30am-4pm
Day of Reflection for Women & Men
Convent of St. Birgitta, Darien, Saturday, Mar. 16: 9:30am-4pm
A Saturday With the Lord at St. Matthew Church
With Msgr. Walter, Fr. Tomi & Fr. Sunil
Saturday, March 23: 9am-3:30pm

VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR at St. Matthew

Wednesday, March 20: 7pm

HEALING MASSES at St. Matthew

Tuesday, March 26, 12:10pm & 6:30pm
with Fr. Thomas Sunil, VC

COIN COLLECTION BOXES

Save Coins to benefit Children in Bogotá, Columbia Churches

Meeting People Where They Are, With Symbols of Faith

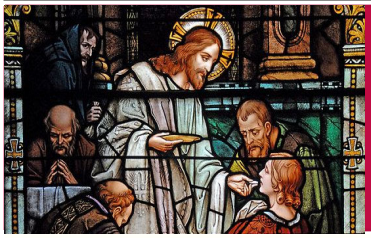
We'll Come to Your Business or College

Our bus will be heading out again this year to colleges and local businesses to distribute ashes. **Would you like us to visit your location? Kindly call us for a reservation: (203) 838-3788, ext. 101, or email: StMattParish@hotmail.com.**

COIN COLLECTION BOXES for Lent

Save your coins throughout the Season of Lent… .and bring your box back on Easter Sunday.

Boxes to benefit the children from two parishes in Bogotá, Columbia, where Msgr. Walter visited last summer. The parishes are very poor, led by good, young pastors who could use our help!



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 11
9:00 am † Mary Keating
12:10 pm † Jack Gillis
6:30 pm † Gene & Carol Bohannon

Tuesday, February 12
9:00 am † Gloria & Bill Hudson
12:10 pm † Gloria Lombard

Wednesday, February 13
9:00 am † Joseph A. Schiavone, Sr.
12:10 pm † Tricia Riccardi, Living Intention

Thursday, February 14
9:00 am † Clare Van Duinen
12:10 pm † James Finch

Friday, February 15
9:00 am † John P. Treschitta, Sr.
12:10 pm † The People of St. Matthew Church

Saturday, February 16
4:00 pm † Arnaldo Fraccaroli
†Susie Venneri
† Beverly LaJoie † Art Hornick
†Rev. Charles H. Straut, Jr.
†Lucy Somma
†Catherine Shutman
†Ann Russio †Marie Magione
†Helen Taylor
†Bernice Slezak
†Pasquale Fratino
†Lois & Eugene Seymour
†Ralph Tucci

Sunday, February 17
7:30 am † Robert & Mary O'Brien
9:00 am † Giovanna Curcio
10:30 am † Anthony Colaluca, Sr.
12:00 pm † Tom Ginuse
5:00 pm †Leonardo Velez
†Vincenza Mastracchio
†Enrico Mastracchio
†Justine "Jeri" Cutrone

Parish Support

February 3, 2019

Offertory:	$15,714.00
Online Giving:	$ 1,179.00
Total Regular Collection:	$ 16,893.00
Average Gift:	$ 23.29
Offertory, Same Week, 2017:	$ 15,364.50
Votives:	$ 340.00
2nd Collection:	
Parish Scholarships	$ 4,798.00

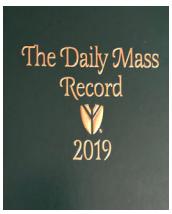
Thank you for your generosity - your weekly support makes all the difference in our operations and ministries. *In His Love, Msgr. Walter*

In Memory of...

Please pray for
Helen Labinsky
Josephine Dipisa
Margaret Byrne Millea
Madeline F. Mollenhauer
Gary Mathieson, Sr.
Reverend William F. Sangiovanni
John P. Lyons **Margaret Duff**
Dr. Kevin F. McCaul **Jeri Cutrone**
who have gone home to the Lord. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

The Sanctuary Candle

burns in Loving Memory of
Robert Gearin
offered by
Pops, Tilly & Emily
Please keep him in your prayers.



2019 Mass Intentions

Our 2019 Mass Book is open for you to schedule your loved one's Masses. Living Intention Masses are also available. Stop by the Office or call: 203-838-3788, ext. 101.

Sanctuary Memorials
Candle | Flowers

To memorialize a loved one, you can light the Sanctuary Candle for a week near the Tabernacle for an offering of $25, or donate the Sanctuary Flowers for an offering of $150.

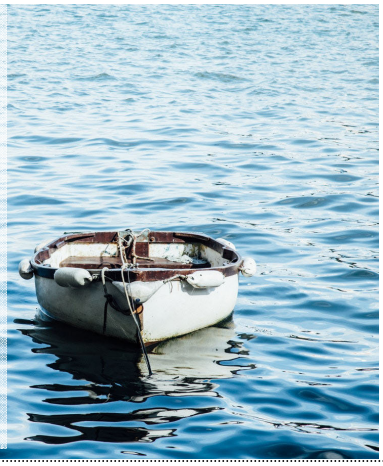
Faith Formation

Erma Moore, Director of Religious Education
Liz Reid, Confirmation Coordinator
Phone: 203-838-3788, ext. 107
Email: StMattRelEd@gmail.com
Corinne Murphy, Youth Ministry Coordinator
Phone: 203-838-3788, ext. 106
Email: YouthMinistry@StMatthewNorwalk.org

Monday, February 11
Grades 1-3: 4:15pm – 5:30pm
Grades 4-7: 6:00pm – 7:15pm
Tuesday, February 12
Grades 1-7: 4:15pm – 5:30pm
Grades 1-7: 6:00pm –7:15pm
Sunday, February 17 & Monday, January 18
President's Day Recess
Tuesday, February 19
Grades 1-7: 4:15pm – 5:30pm
Grades 1-7: 6:00pm –7:15pm

YOUTH Day of REFLECTION

Sunday, March 17
1-5pm
For all Junior High & High School Students
PRAYER I REFLECTION
CONNECTION
SERVICE PROJECT
Please be in touch with Corinne Murphy: YouthMinistry@StMatthewNorwalk.org

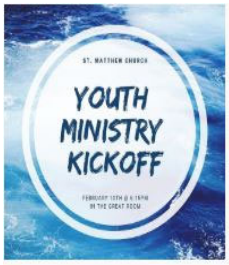


Youth STATIONS of the CROSS

Fridays beginning March 8, 7pm
Please contact Corinne Murphy:
YouthMinistry@StMatthewNorwalk.org

Youth HOLY HOUR

Wednesday, April 3; 6pm
Adoration for all Junior High & High School Students - Pizza to follow! Please contact Corinne Murphy: YouthMinistry@StMatthewNorwalk.org



New St. Matt Youth Ministry Instagram

Shout-out to **@stmatt_youth** on Instagram!
Go check it out... #like #follow #catholicyouth

ENGAGED to be Married?

Congratulations! We're delighted and honored to help you prepare for this important step in your life! Please be in touch with Lorraine: Lorraine.711@hotmail.com.

Do You Have a NEW BABY?

"If you are a parent (or know of someone) with a newborn or have a young child who hasn't been baptized, just come see me.... we'll take care of you!" Msgr. Walter

Easter Bunny Breakfast in the Great Room!

Palm Sunday, April 14
after the 9am Mass

St. Matthew Summer Bible Camp
June 24-28
Registration will begin in March!

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor de los ejércitos llama a Isaías a ser su representante (Isaías 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Salmo — Cuando te invocamos, Señor, nos escuchaste (Salmo 138 [137]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo nos recuerda el Evangelio que nos predicó por medio del cual somos salvados, si creemos (1 Corintios 15:1-11).

Evangelio —Jesús le indica a Simón que lleve la barca a la parte más honda para una pesca milagrosa (Lucas 5:1-11).

EL LLAMADO DE DIOS

Al ser confrontado con el poder y la majestad de Dios, la primera respuesta del profeta Isaías es reconocer su pecado. "Ay de mí, estoy perdido porque soy un hombre de labios impuros", dice en voz alta. De la misma manera, con las redes de pesca repentinamente llenas con la orden de Jesús, Pedro cae de rodillas y clama: "Señor, apártate de mí porque soy un pecador".

Después Pedro se levanta, deja atracado su bote y sigue a Jesús. Isaías también experimentó un cambio impresionante. Cuando escuchó al Señor que decía: "¿A quién voy a enviar? ¿Quién irá por nosotros?", Isaías respondió: "Aquí estoy, envíame".

Somos llamados diariamente por el Señor resucitado. Se nos recuerda del poder salvador del Evangelio y sabemos de corazón que, como escribió san Pablo, creer en otra cosa no nos llevará a ningún lado.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

led by Fr. Tomi Thomas

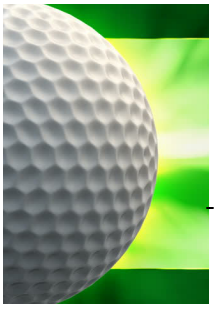
OCTOBER 14 TO OCTOBER 23, 2019 l 10 Days/9 Nights

Come to Italy for this beautiful pilgrimage visiting unforgettable places.
ROME, VATICAN, SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO (PADRE PIO),
ASSISI, LANCIANO, PADUA (St. Anthony), VENICE AND MILAN
Total price for the Pilgrimage is $2,800 (Twin Sharing)
For single Room ($799 Extra)
To reserve your place, contact Ramona Bouffard: 203-274-3313
or email StMatthewPrays@gmail.com.

MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT at St. Matthew!

SATURDAY, February 23 beginning at 10am

Join us for a day of friendly competition with friends and family in the Great Room! Enjoy 18 holes of Golf and refreshments…



***Grab your family and friends and reserve your foursome now!**
***1st TEE OFF at 10 am….Last TEE OFF is 2pm**
$20/person… *Promote your business
***Hole Sponsorships $100/hole**
Contact Kim Oeding: 917-796-5417.
Individual Registration $20 per player

Name_____
Email_____

Team Registration $80 per team

Name_____ Name_____
Email_____ Email_____

Name_____ Name_____
Email_____ Email_____

Payment Information: Payment can be made at door or reserve your team in advance. Checks: St. Matthew Church. Return forms to Parish Office.

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Spaghetti
Pasta Sauce
Dried Beans
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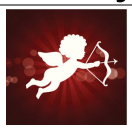

New Horizons Mass & Luncheon

Thursday, Feb. 14, 12:10pm
Celebration of Valentine's Day

Members: $13.00 Guests $16.00

Items Needed:
1) Pay/sign up for April Day Trip
2) FOOD FOR THE CHURCH PANTRY

VALENTINE LUNCH MENU

Pungent Chicken Piccata; delectable mixed vegetables; fresh lightly seasoned salad; topical dessert; coffee, tea, soft drinks.

Deadline date: Monday, Feb. 11 at 11:00 am
For more information: Doug Reid, 203-847-0629

NEW HORIZONS FEBRUARY LUNCHEON FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Members # _____ Guest #_____

Ck # _____ Cash_____

Knights of Columbus St. Pat's Dinner

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
Join us for 4pm Mass before dinner!
Reservations required - No walk-ins
St. Matthew Parish Masterpool Great Room

10th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Dinner
Adult Menu ($20)
Succulent Corned Beef; Cabbage; Potatoes; Carrots; Sour Dough Bread; Soda/Water; Dessert
For Kids under 10 yrs ($7) Newborn-3yrs free Chicken Tenders & Macaroni and Cheese
Cash Bar
We will have raffles with great prizes!
Payment due: March 4 For more information, call George Ribellino, 203-856-7101 or Scott Criscuolo, 203-858-6042.

Name: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail_____
Persons: $20____ $7_____ Cash $_____ Check No.____

I would like to be seated (if at all possible) with the following people: _____

If you are not able to attend and would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to KofC Council # 14360.

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