Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24 | 2019

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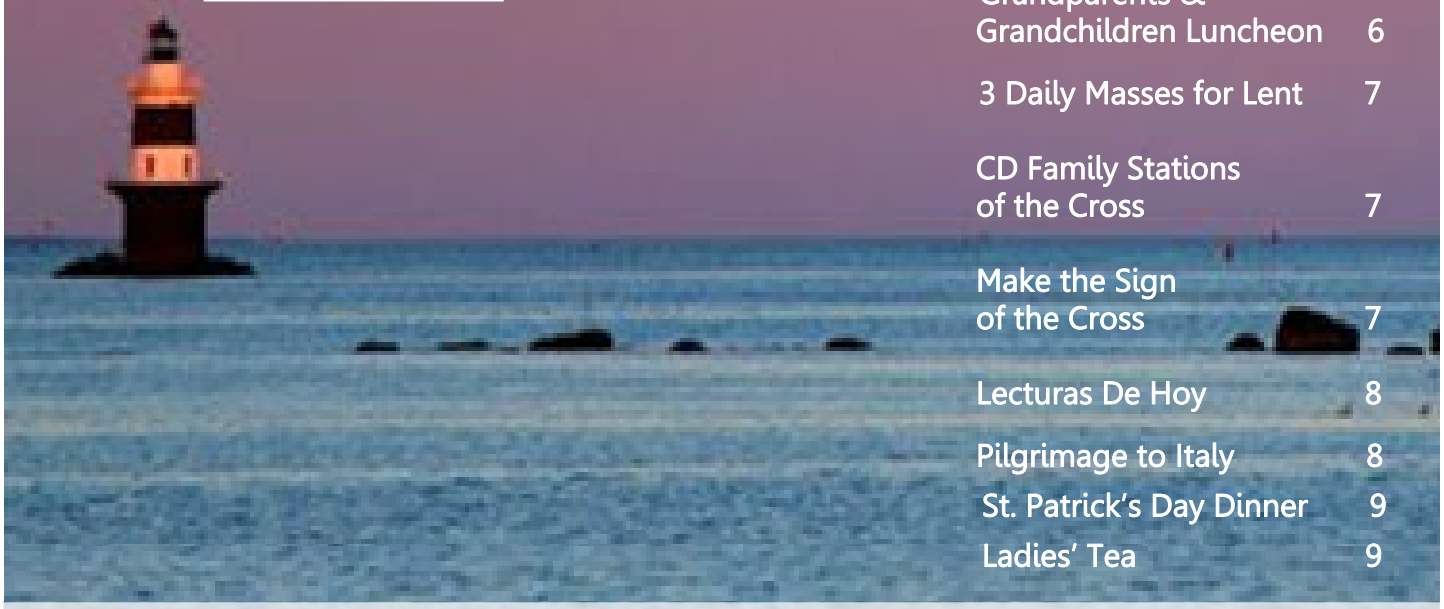
Jesus said...
Forgive
and you
will be forgiven.
Give,
and gifts will
be given to you...
Luke 6:37-38



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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.

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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

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

Looking Ahead...

Sunday, Feb. 24	7:30am; 9am; 10:30am; 12noon; 5pm Masses Gr. 8 after 9am Mass; PreK-K, 10:30am First Eucharist Class, 10:15am-11:15am Baptisms, 1pm Confirmation Class after 5pm Mass
Monday, Feb. 25	9am, 12:10pm Masses Faith Formation , 4:15-7:15pm 6:30pm Novena Mass & Candlelit Procession Fit Club, 7:30pm
Tuesday, Feb. 26	9am, 12:10pm Masses Walking with Purpose, 9:30am Faith Formation, 4:15-7:15pm
Wednesday, Feb. 27	9am, 12:10pm Masses Food Pantry, 9:30am-12noon Professional Consultations, 6-8pm Walking with Purpose, 7:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:30pm AA in Chapel, 8pm
Thursday, Feb. 28	9am, 12:10pm Masses Choir Rehearsal, 4-8pm Carnival Meeting, 7pm
Friday, March 1	First Friday and Adoration, see p. 3

Pre-Baptism Workshop: 3/17

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

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.

clergy connect

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New Baby?

If you are a parent (or know of some one) 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

St. Matthew Recreation Center
Church, Chapel, Parish Center Renovations

UPDATE from Msgr. Walter…. "ALL FOR THE GOOD!"

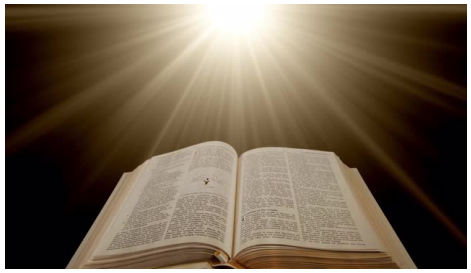
SEWER LINES: The Church and Parish Center have been on septic system; we are now connecting all buildings on the campus to sewer lines. The new Recreation Center will be on that system as well.

REC CENTER GROUNDBREAKING: Groundbreaking is not too far away! Maybe a month or two down the road. The Bishop asked me about when I wanted to ground break, and I said, 'Well, whenever you're ready, Bishop, I'm ready.' So we'll schedule our groundbreaking with our Bishop, who hopefully can make it (his schedule is huge). Then we'll have a wonderful reception. The process of building is 9-12 months—and if I know our builder, Mr. Carl Lecher—it's going to be closer to 9 months.

REC CENTER PROGRAM PLANNING: We're going to start talking to everyone who has offered help to develop programs: Wellness, Nutrition, Counseling in terms of issues such as bullying, sexual orientation (all the things people face in their own family lives). We have Athletic Directors in New Canaan and Norwalk who have offered to help develop programs for seniors, families, youth; health club for runners, walkers, basketball pick-ups. We'll start planning now to have programs in place for our opening!

Church Carpet & Pews: The carpet for the church is on order. As soon as it arrives, every pew in the church will be moved out—labor intensive. Cost: $100,000. Pew cushions and kneelers will be inspected and repaired by the same company that made the pews years ago. It's always a good thing when the pews are worn—it means we're using them…and here at St. Matthew, we use our pews!

Breaking Open the Word
Saturday, March 2 at 5pm



Join Fr. Tomi for Reflection and Meditation on Scripture, every First Saturday after the 4pm Mass.
Info? Contact Cristina Brown: CBrown1226@optonline.net.

Pray, Eat, Meet, 21-29 yrs
Sunday, March 3, 12Noon

All young Adults are invited to the 12noon Mass, followed by lunch at a diner with Msgr., Fr. Sunil & Fr. Tomi. Unable to make the Mass? Meet us in the front of the Church after the Mass and come to lunch! **Contact Thalmar: SMYforJ@gmail.com.**

First Friday Adoration
March 1 in Chapel

Begins **after 12:10pm Mass.** **Rosary**: 6:30pm, **Benediction concludes by 7pm**

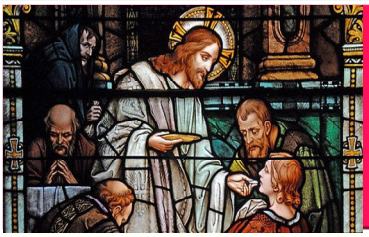
Sacred Heart Novena Masses
Friday, March 1
12:10pm or 7pm Mass
in Chapel

Jesus promised twelve blessings, (including family peace) to those who undertake devotion to His Sacred Heart through a Novena for 9 consecutive Fridays. Devotion includes receiving the Eucharist on First Friday for 9 months, going to Confession monthly, attending an hour of Adoration on First Friday, and fulfilling weekly Sunday Mass commitment.

CANDLELIT PROCESSION
in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes
Monday, Mar. 4, 6:30pm

Reconciliation
Mercy is free for the taking.
First Tuesday, March 5
7-8PM in Church

Come celebrate the Lord's Abundant Mercy. You'll be glad you did…



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 25
9:00 am † Fr. Joe Joaquim
12:10 pm † Frank DiCostanzo
6:30 pm † Bishop Walter Curtis

Tuesday, February 26
9:00 am † Msgr. Andy Cusack
12:10 pm † Lauri Klefos

Wednesday, February 27
9:00 am † Winston & Julieta Cook
12:10 pm † Will Castro

Thursday, February 28
9:00 am † The Gillis Family
12:10 pm † Tricia Riccardi, Living Intention

First Friday, March 1
9:00 am † Irene LeClerc
12:10 pm † Douglas McCallum, Jr.
7:00 pm † Danielo Gutierrez, Living Intention

Saturday, March 2
4:00 pm † Theresa Taylor

Sunday, March 3
7:30 am † Catherine & Joseph Sferlazza
† Annette Greco
9:00 am † Lori Paladino
† Fr. Robert McGrath
† Lucy Birtle
† Raffaele Iacono
10:30 am † Anne Dreyer
12:00 pm † Nancy Tamburro, Living Intention
† Ralph D'Andrea, Living Intention
† Elidae Calderon
† Rocio Smyth
† Richard Favier
† Frankelina Diaz
† Emma Gomez
5:00 pm † Mare Yannetti, Living Intention

Parish Support

The Parish Support report was unavailable due to the President's Day holiday. The report will be published in the March 3 edition.

In Memory of...

Please pray for
Barbara Brzostek
Raffaele Iacono
Tito Squeo
Marguerite Smith
Peter Russo and Richard Saymon, Jr.
who have gone home to the Lord. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

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. Please stop by the Parish Office or call: 203-838-3788, ext. 101.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).
Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).
Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).
Gospel — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

DO NO HARM...

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents a list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus' teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

Faith Formation

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Email: YouthMinistry@StMatthewNorwalk.org

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, February 25
Grades 1-3: 4:15pm – 5:30pm
Grades 4-6: 6:00pm –7:15pm

Tuesday, February 26
Grades 1-7: 4:15pm – 5:30pm
Grades 1-7: 6:00pm –7:15pm

Friday, March 1
First Friday Adoration in Chapel
Grades 1-4, 5pm followed by Pizza in the Great Room
Grades 5-9, 6pm followed by Pizza in the Great Room

Sunday, March 3
Pre K—K: No Class
First Reconciliation Workshop, after 9am Mass for parents and students

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION for Youth

in the Chapel
First Friday, Mar. 1

5pm Adoration for Children Grades 1-4; pizza in the Great Room afterward.
6pm Adoration for Youth, grades 5-9; pizza in the Great Room afterward.
Please RSVP so we know how much pizza to order: **StMattRelEd@gmail.com or** 203-838-3788, ext. 107.

Stations of the Cross, Grade 9

Friday | March 8 | 7pm

Youth Day of Reflection

PRAYER | REFLECTION | CONNECTION | SERVICE

Sunday, Mar. 17; 1-5pm
For all Junior & High School Students
For info and to register, please contact Corinne: 203-838-3788, ext. 106.

Sr. Carol Ann,

New York Giants Honorary Asst. Coach, to speak on

First Reconciliation

Sunday, March 3
After the 9am Mass in the Great Room

All adults are invited; no pre-registration needed.

Sister Carol Ann Nawracaj will offer a First Reconciliation Workshop for adults, Sunday, March 3 after the 9am Mass - open to the public. A dynamic speaker (and magician!), Sr. Carol Ann's varied roles include Director of Mission Advancement at Villa Maria School for children with learning disabilities and pro-football honorary coach. We're excited to welcome her to St. Matthew.

Summer Bible Camp at St. Matthew

Roar! Life is Wild; God is Good
Registration begins in March

Camp dates: June 24-28. For info, please contact Claire Gutowski: CHGutowski@gmail.com.

Convivo High School Conference

Calling All St. Matthew High School Students!

March 1st-3rd at Sacred Heart University

Students in Grades 9-12 come together to:

- Reflect upon contemporary society
- Share their experiences, thoughts, interests
- *Propose explanations and answers to the challenges of today's world.*
- *Registration fee: $65; visit: Connecticut@Convivio.org*

Youth Holy Hour

Wednesday, April 3; 6pm

Adoration during our Lenten Journey
for all Junior High and High School Students
Pizza to follow...Please contact Corinne Murphy:
YouthMinistry@StMatthewNorwalk.org.

Easter Bunny Breakfast

in the Great Room!

Palm Sunday
April 14
after 9am Mass

"Coffee Ands"

after 9am & 10:30am Masses

Join us for Coffee, Juice & Danish in the Great Room every Sunday morning after the 9am and 10:30am Masses, except on the following holiday weekends: Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday and Thanksgiving.

March 6th

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	

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? Please 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!

Msgr. Invites You… GRANDPARENTS & GRANDCHILDREN Mass & Luncheon

Sunday | March 10 | following the 12noon Mass

All Grandparents with their Grandchildren are invited to this very special **12Noon Mass,** followed by

Luncheon…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.

For reservations, please contact the Parish Office: 203-838-3788, ext. 101; StMattParish@hotmail.com

Children's LIBRARY VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Msgr. Walter is looking for:

- One parent or a couple of parents to staff/coordinate our **Children's Library, which is opened before and after Sunday's 9am/10:30am Masses.**
- Need to be child-friendly, and to have an understanding of what books are appropriate, what books to discard.
- *If you are able to assist,* ***please call: 203-838-3788, ext. 101.***

40 Days and 40 Crosses

This is a devotion to pray the Stations of the Cross in your home with your family. On our Lenten Pledge Weekend, March 2-3, we'll give you a Stations of the Cross Booklet; a designated leader will ensure that one wooden Cross is passed from family to family each week. The Cross is placed in your house where all the members can gather to pray. **To sign up or lead,** contact Joanie: 203-940-0581; iLoveDsny@yahoo.com

Lenten Pledge Weekend, March 2-3

What Are Your Plans for Lent? Prayerfully consider what you will do to grow closer to God during Lent….After the homily on the weekend of March 2-3, 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...

DAILY MASSES during Lent

We will have three daily Masses,
Monday-Friday
9am
12:10pm
6:30pm
All Masses during Lent
will be held in the Church.

RECONCILIATION during Lent

Saturdays: 3:15-4pm
Tuesdays: 7pm-8pm
Reconciliation Monday
April 15, 3pm-9pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent

Fridays at 7pm
in the Church

Where did Jesus Disappear?

Saturday, March 16: 9:30-4pm
St. Birgitta, 4 Runkenhage Rd, Darien, CT
Silent Prayer, Talk on "How to find Jesus in the Hustle and Bustle of the Day," Adoration, Confession and Saturday Vigil Mass. **Fee: $30/ person. Register:** Ramona, 203 -274-3313; RamonaBouffard@WMConnect.com.

Young Adult Retreat, 21-35yrs

Saturday, March 16: 9:30-4pm
St. Birgitta, 4 Runkenhage Rd, Darien, CT
Time to pray in silence…Reconciliation, Adoration and challenging talks. **Fee: $25/person.** Problem with payment? Contact Fr. Tomi: ShobhitTom@yahoo.com. Lunch, snacks. **Register:** Thamarlande: SmyforJ@gmail.com.

A Saturday with the Lord at St. Matthew Church

Saturday, March 23: 9am-3:30pm
No Fee — Open to All
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. Lunch will be served; there is no fee. Reservations required; please contact the Parish Office: 203-838-3788, ext. 101; StMattParish@hotmail.com.

Let us Follow His Footsteps is a Family Stations of the Cross CD, featuring hymns and prayers by the Youth of St. Matthew Parish, and written and directed by Fr. Tomi Thomas. "This CD is an opportunity to inspire your faith this Lent as you pray with your family to reflect on the sufferings of Jesus on the Way to Calvary," said Fr. Tomi. The CD will be available for purchase on the weekend before Lent begins, March 2-3. You can use it at home with your family or while you drive to work to meditate on Jesus. You might consider giving it to a friend or neighbor to begin the Season. A stipend is requested to cover the cost of production:

1 CD: $10
5-20 CDs: $7each
21-50 CDs: $5 each

5 More Times to MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY
led by Fr. Tomi Thomas

OCTOBER 14-OCTOBER 23
You're Invited...

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.

INFORMATION MEETING
with Fr. Tomi
Friday, March 1 at 7:30pm
in the Great Room

St. Matthew FOOD PANTRY

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9:30am– 12noon

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — David salvó la vida de Saúl porque él erá ungido del Señor (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).
Salmo — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]).
Segunda lectura — Así como llevamos la imagen del Adán terrenal, llevaremos la imagen del celestial, Jesús (1 Corintios 15:45-49).
Evangelio — Ama a tus enemigos, hazle el bien a los que te odian. Muestra misericordia y perdón (Lucas 6:27-38).

NO CAUSAR DAÑO

Escuchamos por un buen rato antes de llegar a la "culminación ingeniosa" de la primera lectura de hoy: si bien hubiera sido fácil hacerlo, David no causará daño al ungido del Señor. Nosotros, por supuesto, sabemos que Jesús es el Mesías, el ungido de Dios, mas la Biblia usa ese término para distintas personas. Es la manera bíblica de indicar quién ha sido elegido por Dios para un lugar y misión especial dentro de la historia de la salvación.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús presenta una abultada lista de aquellos a quienes, por ser hijos de Dios, no debemos dañar, sino más bien amar: nuestros enemigos, los que nos maldicen o nos hacen daño, los que nos deben dinero, los ingratos, los malvados. El punto de la enseñanza de Jesús no es alentar esos tipos de comportamiento en otros, sino más bien formarnos a imagen de nuestro Padre celestial cuando incrementamos las oportunidades para amar incondicionalmente, sin esperar nada a cambio; ser misericordiosos y compasivo, aun cuando sería más fácil no serlo.

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.

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.

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

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