IT’S MARDI GRAS TIME AT ST. MATTHEW!!

Tuesday, February 17th
6:00pm ‘til 8:30 pm
Masterpool GreatRoom

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY...

Mini I-Pad Raffle
Plenty of Food and Drink

More details on page 2...

Ash Wednesday, February 18th

6:15am Ashes
7:00am Mass
12:10pm Mass
7:30pm Mass

Anyone can receive Ashes. Walk-ins are welcome any time throughout the day.

Lenten Book of Reflections -
available on Ash Wednesday

Confessions -
Tuesdays during Lent
7:00-9:00pm
Saturdays
3:15-4:00pm
IT’S MARDI GRAS TIME AT ST. MATTHEW!!
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th
Supper from 6:00pm ‘til 8:30 pm
Proceeds to Benefit the World Youth Day

BUFFET SUPPER
Salad
Mac & Cheese
Jambalaya
Dirty Rice
Pulled Pork

MUSIC & DANCING
By Tom Sacco and The Sound Solutions

PARTY FAVORS

BEVERAGES
Beer & Wine (add’l cost)
Punch Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate

DESSERTS

FREE CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM SPONSORED BY NEW YORK LIFE

ADULTS $12.00   ADULT SENIORS $11.00
6 YEARS OLD THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH $6.00
CHILDREN 5 & UNDER ARE FREE

Name ____________________________________        Phone (____) ____  -  _________________
Email Address__________________________________________
# of  Adults _______    # of  Senior Adults _______    # Youth ________      # Youth 5 & Under ________
Amount enclosed: $________        Cash ______  Check # ________

Please R.S.V.P. by Next Sunday, February 15th, at 6:00pm
Thanks to the generosity of many of our parishioners, we were able to raise $12,957 for Sister Lucie, Sister Frances and The Notre Dame Convalescent Home.
If you were unable to attend our Fund Raiser dinner but would still like to make a donation, it’s not too late.
You can still drop your donation off in the office.

On behalf of Sister Lucie and Sister Frances, A HUGE THANK YOU!

2014 YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The Year End Family Contribution Statements produced from our Envelope and On-line Giving System for 2014 have been mailed. Any contribution that was mailed or given to Msgr. Walter in the amount of $250 or more has been acknowledged in a separate letter, as required under the IRS Regulations, and, therefore may not be included in this Year End Statement.

Many thanks to all of you for your continued sacrificial giving which enables us to continue the mission of the Lord!

2015 Annual Catholic Appeal
Education Weekend
February 21st and 22nd

Our fair share goal this year is $200,000.

Rediscover Catholicism
by Matthew Kelly

Are you interested in joining our Discussion Group on Matthew Kelly’s book, Rediscover Catholicism?
During Lent, we will start a Book Club to discuss Rediscover Catholicism. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays. If you are interested, complete the form below and drop off in the Parish Office. There is no fee as long as you have a book. Watch the bulletin for the starting date.

Name:____________________________________ Phone:____________________________

Email:___________________________________

Morning 10:00am session:_______________ Evening 7:00pm session:_____________
### Mass Intentions

**Monday, February 9**
- 12:10pm Claire Mansy
- 7:30pm No Novena Mass

**Tuesday, February 10**
- 12:10pm David Ancona

**Wednesday, February 11**
- 12:10pm Frank DiCostanzo

**Thursday, February 12**
- 12:10pm Paul Audet

**Friday, February 13**
- 12:10pm Rossiter T. B. Drake

**Saturday, February 14**
- 4:00pm Kristofer Arnold
- Nicholas & Rose Crispi and Nicholas Crispi, Jr.
- Ruth Craig
- Marian Bochniak
- William, Anna, & Vincent Talierno
- Adrienne Kelley
- Edward Musho
- Micki Carriero
- Special Intention
- Dwight Williams, Jr.
- Evelyn Knapp
- Daniel Tovar

**Sunday, February 15**
- 7:30am Frank Castagna
- 9:00am Giovanna Curcio
- 10:30am Betty Henry
- 12:00Noon Rocco Natale and Leonard Pace
- 5:00pm William Green
- Frank LaJoie
- Louise Fraser
- Celia Polley
- Joseph Klezovich
- Barbara Anne Stewart

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### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

- **Offertory, 02/01/2015:** $16,125.50
- **Average Gift 02/01/2015:** $23.61
- **Offertory same week 2014:** $14,575.00
- **On-Line Giving:** $254.50
- **Candle Stands:** $356.00
- **Parish Scholarship:** $5,265.50

*Thank you for your continued weekly support of our parish! Bless you for all you do!!!
Msgr. Walter*

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### Electronic Giving

**is available through our parish website**

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### St. Matthew Social Concerns Food Pantry

Is in need of the following items…

- **Peanut Butter**
- **Jelly**
- **Spaghetti sauce**
- **Cereal**
- **Mac & Cheese**
- **Rice**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Although the first weekend of each month is “Food Collection” time, we are always in need of restocking our shelves. If it is more convenient for you to bring food during the week, you can always drop it off at the office.

*The Food Pantry Ministry would like to thank everyone for their continued generous support.*

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### Advertiser of the Week

**B.J. Lawless & Buckley Ryan**

*Proprietors/Parishioners*

*For more information visit www.bjryans.com*
RELIGIOUS FORMATION

NO CLASS DURING THE WINTER RECESS, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, & TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH. THERE WILL BE CLASS ON ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH.

PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US AT THE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE.

REMINDER: We follow the Norwalk Public School Winter Storm Cancellation Schedule. If there is no school or an early dismissal due to weather, there will be no Religious Formation Class that evening.

On Sunday, March 1st, the 2nd grade class Mass is at the 9:00am Mass. All 2nd grade students and their families are expected to attend. Wednesday, February 25th, from 5:30-6:15pm, there will be a rehearsal for all who are signed up to usher at the Mass & from 6:15-7:00pm for all those who have signed up to lector. Please email the Religious Formation office at stmattreled@gmail.com if you are interested or if you have any questions.

THE CREW CORNER

Join us as we bake cookies and make Valentine’s for our homebound parishioners.

Junior High CREW- Sunday, February 8 from 3:30-4:45pm
High School CREW- Sunday, February 8 from 6-7:15pm

Service Night– Deliver Cookies

Until next time… Facebook us on www.facebook.com/stmthecrew

CONFIRMATION

The next class will be on Sunday, February 8th, following the 5:00pm Mass. Please read Chapter 7 before coming to class.

If you have any questions, please contact Jean DesRochers in the Rel. Form. Office.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Please mark your calendars with the following important MANDATORY dates!!!

- Parent Only Workshop – Wednesday, March 11, 7:30pm in the Church.
- Workshop for Child receiving the Sacrament – Sunday, March 1, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Families celebrate the 9:00am Mass then proceed into the Great Room. (Snow date will be Sunday, March 8)
- First Reconciliation Service – Saturday, March 14, at 10:00am in the Church.
- Parent only workshop– Must choose one date– Tuesday, April 28 at 7:30pm or Wednesday, April 29 at 7:30pm
- First Eucharist Presentation Mass – Sunday, April 26 at the 9:00am Mass.
- Workshop for child receiving the Sacrament – Sunday, April 26, 10:00AM – 12:00noon in the Great Room.
- Rehearsal for Saturday 10:00am Mass – Monday, May 11, 5:30PM – 7:00pm in the Church. One parent needs to accompany their child.
- Rehearsal for Lectors (TBD) for both Masses – Tuesday, May 12, 5:30pm – 7:00pm. One parent needs to accompany their child.
- Rehearsal for Saturday 1:00pm Mass – Wednesday, May 13, 5:30pm – 7:00pm in the Church. One parent needs to accompany their child.
- Saturday, May 16, 10:00am – First Eucharist Mass (Children meet in Great Room no later than 9:30am).
- Saturday, May 16, 1:00pm – First Eucharist Mass (Children meet in Great Room no later than 1:30PM).

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

Krakow, Poland with the Vicar of Christ, Pope Francis
July 22-August 2, 2016

Our group is forming! Send in your scholarship information. The diocese is offering 25% - 85% off the cost of the trip. Guidelines and registration can be found at: http://wyd.bridgeportdiocese.com/registration.html.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Fr. Sunil, ext. 114, or Mariko, (651) 233-4917 or email her at: thecrewatstm@gmail.com.
TO SCHEDULE A BAPTISM
OR WEDDING:
Lorraine DeRosa: lorraine.711@hotmail.com
Baptism: Parents must be registered members of the parish for at least 3 months and regularly attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.
Marriage: You must be registered members of the parish for at least 1 year and regularly attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation. Register for marriage 9 months in advance of your wedding date.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES
• Must be an ACTIVE member of the Church
• Must attend Mass regularly
• Must participate in the Life of the Church
• Must be a registered member of St. Matthew Parish for a minimum of 3 months

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord:
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them
Please remember in your prayers:
Daniel Tovar
Joann Holcomb
Jerome Petrizzi
Chester Kolenda
Marie Obst
Marjorie Joyce
Mary Marino
Ralph Rotante
Sophie Lagana

We extend our sympathy to their families and friends.

Coffee and … to be offered after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses on:
February 8th hosted by the Adult Ushers
February 15th hosted by the Knights
February 22nd hosted by the Crew

The Parish Nurses will be available after mass next weekend, February 14th and 15th, for blood pressure screening.

NEW HORIZONS

FEBRUARY 12, 2015 PRE-CELEBRATION OF VALENTINE’S DAY Lunch at 11:30 AM
MEMBERS $ 13    GUESTS $16

THE MENU IS AS FOLLOWS:
Pungent Chicken Piccata; delectable mixed vegetables; fresh lightly seasoned salad; topical dessert; coffee, tea, soft drinks

The following items are due:
Pay/sign April 27, Day Trip AQUA TURF $75 pp
FOOD FOR THE CHURCH PANTRY

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Name:____________________________________ Tel No.______________________
Members______   Guests_____                               Ck$_________CkNo._________      Cash________
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Thanks and God Bless,

Space is limited.

Brian or Sally,

860.399.1785