The Parish Family of Saint Matthew

216 Scribner Avenue Norwalk, Connecticut 06854 *May 7, 2017*
Rev. Msgr. Walter C. Orlowski, KCHS, Pastor **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Congratulations to Our First Communicants

May 6, 2017

Sophia Ames
Olivia Baxendale
Keira Bramble
Isabel Epstein
Isabella Faugno
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Allison Pennella
Amia Ramos
Pedro Suaid
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Sara Bazzine
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Karina Batista
Kieran Brady
Ariana deChoudens
Robert Evanchik
Jadenlee Kane
Vincent Nettleton
Daniel Petralito
Isabella Spagnuolo
Dominick Vaz

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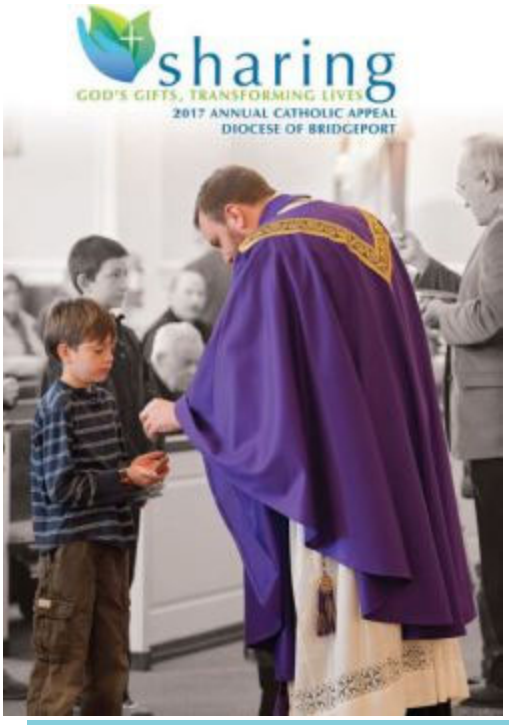
Our Mission Statement

The Parish Family of Saint 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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2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
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As of Thursday, April 27th, St. Matthew Parish has raised $121,150.18 which is 60.58% of our goal of $200,000. So far, 378 families have participated towards our goal.

Msgr. Walter will be speaking at all Masses for our In-Pew Appeal Weekend on May 20th & 21st.

ANY DONATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

2017 CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN-PEW WEEKEND, May 20th & 21st

Your dollars maybe allocated to the following selections at the time of your pledge:

CATHOLIC EDUCATION
Bishop's Scholarship Fund
Catholic Academy of Bridgeport

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Direct my gift to benefit:

- ❑ **General Mission of the Church**
- ❑ **Catholic Education** (the works of the Catholic Academy of Bridgeport and Bishop's Scholarship Fund)
- ❑ **Charity and Justice** (the works of Catholic Charities and pastoral care of the sick and elderly)
- ❑ **Catechesis and Evangelization** (the works of catechesis, evangelization, communications and social media)
- ❑ **Clergy** (the formation of priests and deacons and pastoral care of retired priests)
- ❑ **Social and Pastoral Services** (the works of St. Catherine Center for Special Needs, pastoral life and ministries, youth ministries and lay leadership)

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❑ Charge ❑ Cash ❑ Check #_____
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❑ Add $10 to my pledge to defray postage costs for the ***Fairfield County Catholic***

❑ **I have already made my pledge.**
❑ **I am a visitor.**
❑ **This is an additional gift.**
❑ **I have included the Diocese of Bridgeport in my will.**

Please make your check payable to: **Annual Catholic Appeal**

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Walking with Purpose
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COME LEARN ABOUT WWP
Saturday, May 20th 9:00am - 12 Noon
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Walking with Purpose endeavors to meet women where they are, giving them practical Biblical teaching that is consistent with Church doctrine and uses the Catechism of the Catholic Church as an additional resource.

Walking with Purpose has three elements: at-home study, parish-based or independently run weekly small group meetings, and a monthly talk on relevant course material. Parish-based programs are offered during the daytime or in the evenings, and childcare is provided. All Bible study materials have received the imprimatur from the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and vary in length and depth of study in order to meet the varying needs of participants.

Scholarships

Applications for the Parish Scholarships are available in the office after Mass or on our website. Scholarships are available for students at High Schools, Colleges and Universities. To be eligible for a scholarship you must attend Mass weekly and be a **volunteer** contributing to our parish life at St. Matthew.

Deadline for the application to be turned in to the Parish Office is May 28th, by 5pm. Not everyone applying will receive aid.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Msgr. Walter has scheduled a Staff Meeting and a Pastoral Council Meeting for Wednesday, May 10th at the following times:

•6:30pm to 7:15pm Staff Meeting

•7:15pm to 8:15pm Pastoral Council Meeting

You are expected to attend these important meetings; if you are unable to attend, please contact Msgr. directly at ext.127.

On Mother's Day, mothers will receive a geranium after all Masses.

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

We will be celebrating your anniversary on the last Sunday of every Month at the 10:30am Mass.

Please join us Sunday, May 28th, at the 10:30am Mass as we celebrate your May wedding anniversary.

Anyone who is celebrating their wedding anniversary (first, second, third…. or 65th) in the current month, please contact Lorraine DeRosa at **lorraine.711@hotmail.com** so that we may acknowledge and pray for you.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY
PRAY THE ROSARY!

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 8
12:10pm Stanley Tyska
6:30pm Marion Provenzano

Tuesday, May 9
12:10pm Jean & Vincent Serao

Wednesday, May 10
12:10pm Anna DeMartino

Thursday, May 11
12:10pm James Finch

Friday, May 12
12:10pm Thomas R. Hellard, Jr.

Saturday, May 13
4:00pm Vera Protano
Jairo Henao
Peter Channing O'Rourke
Blanca Henao
Fabiola Echeuerry
Kathleen Isaacs
Jeanne Orlowski
Cathrine Salm
Frances Coniglio
Laura Rosa Bedoya
Living Intention for Lori Paladino
Mary Scholl
Benjamin Theodore Polley
Marilyn Doby
Paul Nguyen & Anna Pham
Louis Pham & Marie Le

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14
7:30am For all Mothers and Grandmothers
9:00am For all Mothers and Grandmothers
10:30am For all Mothers and Grandmothers
12:00pm For all Mothers and Grandmothers
5:00pm For all Mothers and Grandmothers

Confessions in the Church
Saturdays: 3:15pm - 4:00pm
1st Tuesday of the Month: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory, 04/30/17:	$14,138.50
Online Giving:	$ 1,378.00
Total Regular Collection:	*$15,516.50*
Average Gift, 04/30/17:	*$ 22.69*
Offertory, Same Week, 2016:	$17,083.00
Second Collection	
Capital Improvements:	$ 4,157.00
Votives:	$ 474.00

Thanks so much for your generous weekly giving. Your love of the church enables us to meet our bills, support our ministries, and plan for our future. God love you!! Msgr. Walter

Online Giving

ELECTRONIC GIVING
is available through our parish website.
www.stmatthewnorwalk.org

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

Please remember in your prayers:

Joseph Schiavone
Lorraine McGettigan
Mabel Roth
Roger Ludwig
Melissa Wilkinson
Mary Hughes
Josephine Rider

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

Email prayer requests to:
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As of Monday, May 8th, all weekday Masses will be in the Chapel.

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PASTOR'S COMMENTS AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2017

We are now three quarters through our fiscal year. Our Offertory Collections continue to be strong. However, the Nine Months of this year are not comparable with the Nine Months of the Prior Year because Palm Sunday and Easter were in March last year, but were in April this year. The timing difference of these two collections accounts for the variance in the Offertory Collections.

The Comparative Statements of Activities for the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 and the Comparative Statements of Financial Position at March 31, 2017 and 2017 are included in this report. These financials will be reviewed by the Parish Finance Committee at their next Meeting scheduled for May 23. It was necessary to postpone the meeting from its regularly scheduled date because of scheduling conflicts.

Highlighted below are some of the key items for the period.

- Offertory Income is running slightly ahead of last year on a week by week comparison. This is a positive sign.
- Capital Improvement Collections are down from the prior year and this trend will probably continue for the balance of this year.
- Gifts & Bequests this year are ahead of the same period last year, thanks to two large gifts.
- Due to the strong market during the quarter, our investments reflected an increase of approximately $40,000.
- Religious Allowances result from an additional priest. The benefits related to the extra priest are included in Administrative Expenses.
- Religious Education Expenses include the cost of the Kelly Program and the Financial Planning Program which are considered Adult Education Programs.
- The colder winter has resulted in higher Snow Removal and Heating costs.
- A new telephone system was installed to replace the existing system which was no longer adequate for our requirements.
- The Parish Audit has commenced and will be completed in the next few days. We do not expect any changes from the Audit.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support and devotion to our Parish. The success and wellbeing of any parish is determined by the backing and participation of its parishioners. Your loyalty to supporting parish programs demonstrates the recognition of the needs of others.

Please call or E-Mail me if you have questions or observations on this report.

Msgr. Walter C. Orlowski
May 7, 2017

The Diocese of Bridgeport
St. Matthew, Norwalk

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

For 7/1/2016 through 3/31/2017 vs. 7/1/2015 through 3/31/2016

	3/31/2017	3/31/2016
CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
REVENUE		
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS (SUBJECT TO CATHEDRATICUM)	$ 808,628	$ 891,601
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, FUNDRAISERS, AND OTHER REGULAR REVENUE	234,067	265,318
GIFTS, BEQUESTS, AND MISCELLANEOUS	153,881	132,089
ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION - OPERATIONS	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	**1,196,576**	**1,289,008**
EXPENSES		
PASTORAL & LITURGICAL SERVICES	302,175	271,870
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	76,081	73,109
OTHER PARISH ACTIVITIES	0	0
FUNDRAISING	9,961	12,706
ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL	743,614	639,015
TOTAL EXPENSES	**1,131,831**	**996,701**
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS EXCLUDING CAPITAL PROJECT ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION	**64,746**	**292,307**
ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION - CAPITAL PROJECTS	0	0
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	**64,746**	**292,307**
CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS	0	0
INVESTMENT INCOME	0	0
ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION - CAPITAL PROJECTS	0	0
ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION - OPERATIONS	0	0
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	**0**	**0**
CHANGES IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS	0	0
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	**0**	**0**
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	**64,746**	**292,307**
BEGINNING NET ASSETS	**9,252,761**	**8,958,857**
ENDING NET ASSETS	**$ 9,317,507**	**$ 9,251,164**

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

3/31/2017 vs. 3/31/2016

	3/31/2017	3/31/2016
Assets		
CASH	$ 485,003	$ 859,213
RECEIVABLES	0	0
OTHER ASSETS	0	750
INVESTMENTS	638,085	468,675
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	8,272,236	7,974,836
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 9,395,325	$ 9,303,475
Liabilities and Net Assets		
LIABILITIES		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	$ 7,861	($ 23,100)
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	768	4,462
OTHER ACCRUED EXPENSES & LIABILITIES	11,166	11,368
LOANS PAYABLE	0	0
DEFERRED REVENUE	58,023	59,581
TOTAL LIABILITIES	77,818	52,311
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED	8,351,649	8,236,881
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	851,112	671,915
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	50,000	50,000
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	64,746	292,368
TOTAL NET ASSETS	9,317,507	9,251,164
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	**$ 9,395,325**	**$ 9,303,475**

Religious formation classes have concluded.

Thank you for a GREAT year!

Please continue to check the Sunday Bulletin for information on next year's registration. If you have any questions, please call the Faith Formation Office at (203) 838-3788 ext.107, or **stmattreled@gmail.com.**

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist – Mandatory Workshops, Presentation Mass & Rehearsals

- **Rehearsal for Saturday, May 13th, 11:00am Mass – Tuesday, May 9, from 5:30pm – 7:00pm in the Church. One parent needs to accompany their child.**
- **Rehearsal for Lectors (TBD) for the May 13th Mass will be immediately following their rehearsal on May 9th. One parent needs to accompany their child.**

Confirmation candidates: Please contact Liz Reid if you are in need of a service/family service project. She can be reached through the Faith Formation Office at (203) 838-3788 ext.107, or stmattreled@gmail.com.

ST. MATTHEW VACATION BIBLE CAMP

SUNDAY, June 25th – Sunday, July 2nd

Registration is OPEN

Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. Camp will kick off with Mass at 9:00 am Sunday, followed by coffee and…. Camp will conclude Sunday, July 2nd, with Mass and a family celebration. **Registration forms** are now available for **campers** and **volunteers**. Reserve your spot today.*

Any questions contact our Bible Camp email: SaintMatthewVBS@yahoo.com

*Not a registered member of Saint Matthew, your participation will be confirmed beginning May 8th.

ST. MATTHEW PARISH COMMNUNITY SUPPER
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th 6:00PM - 8:00PM

- All are welcome - Invite your neighbors and friends
- $1.00 per person ***to be paid at the door***
- To reserve your seat, either call Mare in the office (203) 838-3788 ext. 101 or complete the form below & drop in the basket or at the office.

Community Supper

NAME:_____ Tel#_____

# of Guests _____

PARISH OFFICE

Phone: (203) 838-3788
Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm
Friday: 8:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am - 1:15pm
The Office closes daily during the 12:10pm Mass
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Health Tip From Our Parish Nurses: Breakfast and beyond: The case for a healthy morning meal

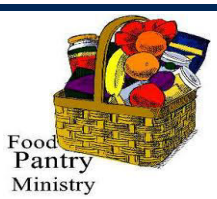
A breakfast containing lean protein, whole grains, and fruit may lower your risk of cardiovascular disease.

Why is breakfast so important? Coming as it does after the day's longest period without food, breakfast seems to influence metabolism more strongly than lunch or dinner. A healthy morning meal also appears to be helpful in maintaining a good body weight. A well crafted breakfast should include lean protein, (low-fat Greek yogurt, peanut butter, an egg) whole-grain carbohydrates, (cereals, whole wheat English muffin or toast) healthy fats (EVOO) and fresh fruit.
Cereal Secrets: If you're pressed for time in the am, cold cereal can be an easy, satisfying breakfast, especially if you pair it with milk and fruit. But not all cereals are equally nutritious:

- Look for whole-grain cereals such as those made with corn, whole wheat, oats, or brown rice.
- Choose a cereal that has at least 5 grams of fiber per serving.
- Avoid cereals that contain more than 5 grams of sugar per serving.
- Many cereals are high in sodium. Aim for no more than 200 mg per serving.

Limit calories – choose cereals that have no more than 150 per serving. *Harvard Heart Letter, Vol 27, Number 9, May 2017*

The Parish Nurses will be available after mass next weekend, May 13th and 14th, for blood pressure screening.



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9:00AM TO 12:00PM

Thanks to all who answered our call. You truly helped us. Please remember us as you do your weekly shopping. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Are you the face of prayer? Are you willing to pray with the Bishop Caggiano every day? Join the movement. Text a selfie, your prayer intention, or simply the word "pray" to 55778 and join in the journey as we learn more about the power of prayer.

Counseling & Consultation Services by Appointment

St. Matthew parish professionals have been offering counseling and immigration, financial and annulment consultations Wednesdays in the parish center. From now on, please make an appointment please call Margaret Riobo at (203) 846-6685 or email stmatthewconsultations@gmail.com.
The meetings will still be on Wednesdays only.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

St. Matthew Council #14360
INFORMATION NIGHT
Tuesday, May 23
7:30pm in the Masterpool Great Room
Open to Catholic Men 18 yrs. & Older

If you would like more information but are unable to attend please contact GK Scott Criscuolo (203) 858-6042 or DGK Anthony Armentano (203) 246- 6648.

Hope to see you there!!

TO HONOR ALL MOTHERS & GRANDMOTHERS
THURSDAY, MAY 11th
12:10pm Mass
Luncheon Immediately Following

MEMBERS $ 13 GUESTS $ 16

M E N U: Ham, Parsley Potatoes, Mixed Tender Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Dessert Coffee, Tea & Soft Drinks

At this Luncheon, the following items are due:

Pay for the June Day Trip to St. Clements Castle $90 per person

Sign up for the September Trip to Newport Playhouse, RI

FOOD FOR THE CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

NOTE: DEADLINE DATE, MONDAY, MAY 8 @ 11:00 AM

NH Luncheon May 11, 2017

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