

# Welcome St. Matthew Church



Christ Came for All.  
You are Loved by Him and Welcome Here.

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# Welcome!



My Dear Friends,

We're delighted to have you join us today! Whether this is your first visit to St. Matthew or maybe you've been here for a while, we want you to know you are welcomed here. No matter what walk of life you are coming from, or what circumstances you may be facing, you can know one thing for sure: *God loves you just as you are. He loves you more than you could possibly imagine.*

You will hear me say on more than one occasion, our God is a loving God who wants only goodness for you. He may not change your past, but He can alter your future. He desires to know you and bless you throughout your life. When we trust him to lead the way, we will discover the wonder of His creation filled with love, mercy and forgiveness.

From its humble beginnings in 1957, St. Matthew has grown into a vibrant parish community of 3,000 families—a great blending of God's people united by faith. One cannot worship here or attend our many Parish functions without witnessing how our faith is nurtured. We live the Gospel through prayer and action. We strive to be a welcoming family and to make a difference in our world. Our ministries touch *all ages*, with many opportunities for spiritual growth and service in our neighborhoods and beyond

It's an exciting moment in our Parish history, as we build a bridge to the future with a new 18,000 sq-ft Recreation Center. Imagine this: a Center that will offer four generations of parishioners Body, Mind and Soul Programs!

This booklet is just a brief introduction to our Church. If you have any questions, or would like to learn how to make this your Church home, just give us a call. We're thrilled to have you here and look forward to getting to know you better!

In His Love,

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# A Bridge to the Future...



Our new 18,000 square-foot Recreation Center will allow us to offer a variety of new programs and events, creating a Parish more welcoming than ever before—one that can be the center of people's lives...



11,000 sq-ft  
Multi-Purpose  
**Gymnasium**

7,000 sq-ft  
Walking/Running  
**TRACK**

**Health and Wellness**  
Individualized Programs  
and Team Events for  
**YOUTH | TEENS**  
**ADULTS | SENIORS**  
Parent Education & Support  
Alcohol & Drug Prevention  
Recovery Support

**Meditation**  
mindfulness  
relaxation

**Youth-Center Lounge**  
for Newman Club  
College Students



# Christ Came for All. Love Him. Live Him. Journey with Him.

## *Our Mission*

*Christ came for all. Not some but all.  
He gave us a mission of love.  
Love of God and love of neighbor.  
We are His hearts and bearers of  
His hope along this journey.  
Our doors are open for all  
to feel welcomed, loved and forgiven.  
And when we go out through our doors,  
we are the sisters and brothers  
of His Good News.*



St. Matthew, Patron Saint  
Pray for Us.



# Mass Schedule



## DAILY MASS

**Daily Masses** are held in our beautiful Chapel, overlooking the pond. We pray that you will experience the Peace of God, the Love of Jesus and the Companionship of the Holy Spirit while you are here.

### Monday-Friday

9am; 12:10pm

### Monday

6:30pm Mass with  
Miraculous Medal Novena

*"St. Matthew Church has it all.  
A beautiful Church to worship... outstanding music to life your spirit...  
Support groups to help you with daily challenges...Bible Studies  
to grow your faith... Community Outreach to help those in need...  
and Clergy who really care about you." Jennifer Covello*



## WEEKEND MASS

Weekend Masses are held in the Church.

**Saturday Vigil:** 4pm

### Sunday Masses:

7:30am

9:00am Youth Mass

10:30am

12noon

5pm

### Confession:

Saturday 3:15-4pm

First Tuesday: 7-8pm

or by appointment,  
203-838-3788, ext.101.

# Sacraments



## **Baptism**

Do you have a newborn or child? Baptism preparation workshops with Msgr. Walter are held the third Sunday each month after the 12noon Mass. Just come to the workshop and meet Msgr.—no registration needed! Questions? Contact: Lorraine DeRosa, [Lorraine.711@hotmail.com](mailto:Lorraine.711@hotmail.com).

## **First Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Confession, is one of the Sacraments of healing—the ways in which our sins are forgiven. First Reconciliation is received prior to receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Contact: Erma Moore, Director of Faith Formation: 203-838-3788, ext. 107; [StMattRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:StMattRelEd@gmail.com).

## **First Eucharist**

The Eucharist is the greatest of the Sacraments of initiation, the “source and summit of the Christian life.” In Holy Communion, we the Real Presence of Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine. Preparations for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are coordinated through our Faith Formation Program, whether your child attend public or Catholic school. Contact: Erma Moore, Director of Faith Formation: 203-838-3788, ext. 107; [StMattRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:StMattRelEd@gmail.com).

## **Confirmation**

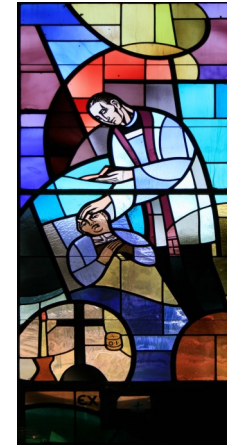
Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which seal or “confirm” the baptized in union with Christ and equip them to share their gifts, live and give great witness to their faith as they build up the Kingdom of God. Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation takes place in the 9th grade, and the Sacrament is celebrated in the Fall of the 10th grade. Contact: Liz Reid, Confirmation Coordinator: 203-838-3788, ext. 107; [StMattRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:StMattRelEd@gmail.com).

**Marriage:** This Sacrament is a visible sign of God's love for the



Church. When married in the Church, a couple receive the grace needed for a lifelong bond of unity. Congratulations about your future together! For information regarding preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact Lorraine DeRosa: Lorraine711@ hotmail.com.

**Anointing of the Sick:** This Sacrament gives strength and support and can be administered to anyone struggling with an illness. We believe that physical healing can occur through the great power of God. The grace that is infused through this special Sacrament is the reminder of the eternal presence of God in our human suffering. The priest blessing the oil of anointing asks God to "send the power of your Holy Spirit, the Consoler, into this precious oil. Make this oil a remedy for all who are anointed with it; heal them in body, in soul and in spirit, and deliver them from every affliction." (Pastoral Care of the Sick, #123). If someone in your family is ill, please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a priest to bless them with sacred oils: 203-838-3788, ext. 101.



**Holy Orders:** Those who receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders -- as a deacon, priest or bishop -- are consecrated in Christ's name "to feed the Church by the word and grace of God." If you are a boy or man who has questions or thoughts about vocations, please contact Msgr. Walter (ext. 127); Fr. Tomi (ext. 112) or Fr. Sunil (ext. 114).

# Faith Formation | Youth

St. Matthew Church is dedicated to building a strong faith foundation and igniting a lifelong relationship with Jesus for children and their families. Our Faith Formation Program, for children Pre-K through Confirmation, consists of class study, Mass attendance, preparation for the reception of the Sacraments, volunteering, service projects & family involvement in Parish life. Youth participate fully in the Liturgy serving as Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors, Gift Bearers, Eucharistic ministers and as Choir members at the 9am Youth Mass. Vacation Bible Camp offers two great programs for youth to discover the treasure of God's love: one for children age 3-10 and one for Middle Schoolers, Gr. 6-8. Contact: Erma Moore, 203-838-3788, ext. 107, [StMattRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:StMattRelEd@gmail.com).



**Pre K—Kindergarten** at St. Matthew introduces children, 3-5 years of age, to Religious Education in a fun way—books, crafts, movies—in the Nursery Room across from the Parish Office, during the 10:30am Mass. Questions, please contact Erma Moore, Director of Faith Formation: [StMattRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:StMattRelEd@gmail.com)

## Junior High and High School

The Youth Ministry mission at St. Matthew is to provide a safe, fun and welcoming environment where every young person can encounter Christ through prayer, service, and those around them. Through Youth Group nights, Liturgical Ministry, Service Opportunities, Prayer, and Discipleship, St. Matthew Youth Ministry aims to create a community of young people committed to living out their faith and using their unique gifts to serve God, St. Matthew Church, and the world. Contact: Corinne Murphy, YM Coordinator: 203-838-3788, ext. 106; [YouthMinistry@StMatthewNorwalk.org](mailto:YouthMinistry@StMatthewNorwalk.org).





# Faith Formation | Adult

**Breaking Open the Word** is a Reflection and Meditation on Scripture, with exegesis offered by Fr. Tomi, every First Saturday after the 4pm Mass. Contact: Cristina Brown, [CBrown1226@optonline.net](mailto:CBrown1226@optonline.net).

**Catechists** for Faith Formation Classes pass on the faith and model God's love to others. Contact: Erma Moore: [StMattRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:StMattRelEd@gmail.com).

**Pray, Eat, Meet: Young Adults, 21-29 yr-olds**, are invited to the 12noon Mass every First Sunday of the month, followed by lunch at a diner or the rectory with our priests—a great way to connect



with people in your age group and your faith. Bring a friend! Contact Thamarlande, [SMYForJ@gmail.com](mailto:SMYForJ@gmail.com).

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Are you, or someone you know of, interested in learning more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church? Or are you a Catholic adult who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? RCIA is the process for you. Contact: Fr. Sunil, 203-838-3788, ext. 114; [PereiraIMS@yahoo.com](mailto:PereiraIMS@yahoo.com). Norm and Maryann Roberts are the coordinators: [Cinmare@yahoo.com](mailto:Cinmare@yahoo.com).



**Walking with Purpose Women's Scripture Study:** Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Do you seek connection with other women in our Parish Community? Come as you are to learn how the Scriptures apply to our everyday lives. Offered morning and evening groups; childcare provided in the morning session. Contact: Mallory Moyer or Sisi Ferrine: [WWP.StMatthewNorwalk@gmail.com](mailto:WWP.StMatthewNorwalk@gmail.com).

# Worship Opportunities



## **Altar Servers**

Girls and boys from grades 4-college represent our Community at the Table of the Lord, assisting the Priests.

Contact: Fr. Sunil, [PereiraIMS@yahoo.com](mailto:PereiraIMS@yahoo.com).

## **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Adults and Youth who have been Confirmed assist Priests in distributing Holy Eucharist at Masses.

Contact: Msgr. Walter, [StMattParish@hotmail.com](mailto:StMattParish@hotmail.com).

## **Readers**

Adults and Youth proclaim God's Word at Mass, bringing spiritual nourishment from the Sacred Scriptures.

Contact: Fr. Tomi, [ShobhitTom@yahoo.com](mailto:ShobhitTom@yahoo.com).

## **Ushers/Greeters**

Adults and Youth welcome all, pass the collection basket, invite worshippers to bring the Offertory Gifts to the altar and distribute bulletins.

Contact: Msgr. Walter, [StMattParish@hotmail.com](mailto:StMattParish@hotmail.com).



### **Music Ministry**

Music is one of the highest forms of praise—let it become one of your gifts to God. Adult and Youth Choirs, and instrumentalists are a vibrant part of our worship. Contact: Val Wyman, Music Director, 203-838-3788, ext. 109; [WiltonHomes4You@aol.com](mailto:WiltonHomes4You@aol.com).

### **Adoration Society**

Members gather on the First Friday of each month to worship, pray the Rosary and attend Benediction of the Holy Sacrament. It is open to everyone for prayer, meditation and adoration. Contact: Mary Ann Roberts, [CinMare@yahoo.com](mailto:CinMare@yahoo.com)

### **Altar Society**

Members assist in the overall cleanliness of the church and ensures that the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be received in a pleasant environment. Contact: JoAnn Scigliempaglia, 203-838-8727.

### **Flower Committee**

Our members are dedicated to give glory and praise to God by beautifying the Sanctuary. Contact: Aggie Squeo, [FitAgi50@aol.com](mailto:FitAgi50@aol.com).

## Community Service, Ministries & Groups

**Baptismal Robes Ministry** share sewing skills in the preparation and completion of the Sacrament of Baptism. By these simple duties we unite with the Christian Community in welcoming its newest members: Christine Leddy, ChristineLeddy@gmail.com.

**Carnival Committee** plans and coordinates our fun summer carnival: Joann Miller: RMiller175@aol.com.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas:** Under the patronage of the Blessed Mother, they strive “to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness.” The program includes concerns of today’s church and society as well as issues that affect the well-being of all. Contact: DeeAnn Dorrico at ddorrico11@aol.com.

**Cooking with Purpose Group** shares culinary talents by preparing and serving meals for our monthly Community Dinners and special events: Christina Caragine, ChristinaCaragine@yahoo.com.

**Consultations:** Free professional consultations are available by appointment from experts in Addiction, Recovery Life Coaching, Counselors in Adult, Children & Family Life, Finance, Immigration Law, and Annulments. Contact Margaret Riobo: 203-846-6685; StMatthewConsultations@gmail.com.

**Currency Engineers** assist the pastor by totaling weekend collections and recording contributions: Msgr. Walter, ext. 127.

**Fitness Club** is a ministry committed to encouraging health of body and mind through exercise: Aggie Squeo, FitAgi50@aol.com.

**Food Pantry** provides groceries and other basic necessities to the poor and needy of the community. The Food Pantry is open every Wednesday from 9:00am-12:00noon: Beverly, BeverlyDMartin@aol.com.

**Feeding His Flock** prepares and delivers hot meals by parish volunteers every Wednesday. Meals are brought to individuals and families who are in need of assistance: Terri Sargent, Terri.Sargent26@gmail.com.



**Open Door Shelter Ministry** is an outreach to the hungry in our community. Volunteers help to prepare and serve meal about six times per year at the Manna House Open Door Shelter: Michele Gallo, JLGallo@sbcglobal.net.

**Knights of Columbus** is a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization. The good works of the Order are a strong witness to the message of Christ. Their members organize charitable functions benefiting the community and the church: Scott Criscuolo, SCriscuolo@Encompass.tv.

**New Horizons Senior Group** provides additional avenues for the enrichment of the spiritual and social life of parish seniors 60 years of age and older: Joan Walsh, JoanMWalsh@optonline.net.

**Parish Mailing Committee** consists of volunteers who assist in the bulk-mailing of letters from the church to parishioners: Maureen Moccia, StMattParish@hotmail.com.

**Parish Nurses Ministry** promotes wellness and healing of parishioners through utilization of nursing skills in the areas of education, simple screenings and health fairs: Rose Talercio, Rose107@optonline.net.

**Spanish/Latino Club** welcomes and unites members to celebrate Bilingual Masses, special feasts and multi-culinary suppers: Cristina Brown, CBrown1226@optonline.net.

**St. Martha's Hospitality** provides love and support through service and sharing to parish families during their time of bereavement: Denise Brown at DB930@optonline.net.

**Toolbelt Brigade** provide repairs and assists with odd jobs for the Parish and our Parish Community members who are in need: Greg Augustyniak: Greg1977@optonline.net.

# Pastoral Service

**Blessing of Homes** provides families the opportunity to have a priest visit and bless their home so that Christ may enter and bring peace and joy to all: [StMattParish@hotmail.com](mailto:StMattParish@hotmail.com).

**Hospital Card Ministry** mails get-well wishes to hospitalized parishioners: [Maureen Moccia, MaurGene1@optonline.net](mailto:MaureenMoccia,MaurGene1@optonline.net).

**Hospital, Homebound and Convalescent Visitation Ministry** brings the Eucharist to those parishioners and others in their time of need by sharing faith, hope and love to the sick. If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit: [Sr. Sally Norcross, SNorcross@StMatthewNorwalk.org](mailto:Sr.SallyNorcross,SNorcross@StMatthewNorwalk.org).

**Bereavement Ministry** provides consolation and spiritual support to parish families in need. The group facilitators reach out to those who are experiencing the pain and loss of a loved one through death: [Sheila Russo, S1Russo@optonline.net](mailto:SheilaRusso,S1Russo@optonline.net)

**The Prayer Network** is a resource for the parish family in times of urgent prayer need. The spirit-led prayerful group is committed to praying for those in need. For prayer requests or to join the Prayer Network: [Ramona Bouffard, StMatthewPrays@gmail.com](mailto:RamonaBouffard,StMatthewPrays@gmail.com).

# Parish Directory

## 203-838-3788

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**Parochial Vicar**

**Fr. Tomi Thomas, I.M.S.**  
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**Pastoral Assistant**

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**Parish Financial Advisor**

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**Youth Ministry Coordinator**

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**Director of Music Ministry**

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**Virtus Coordinator**

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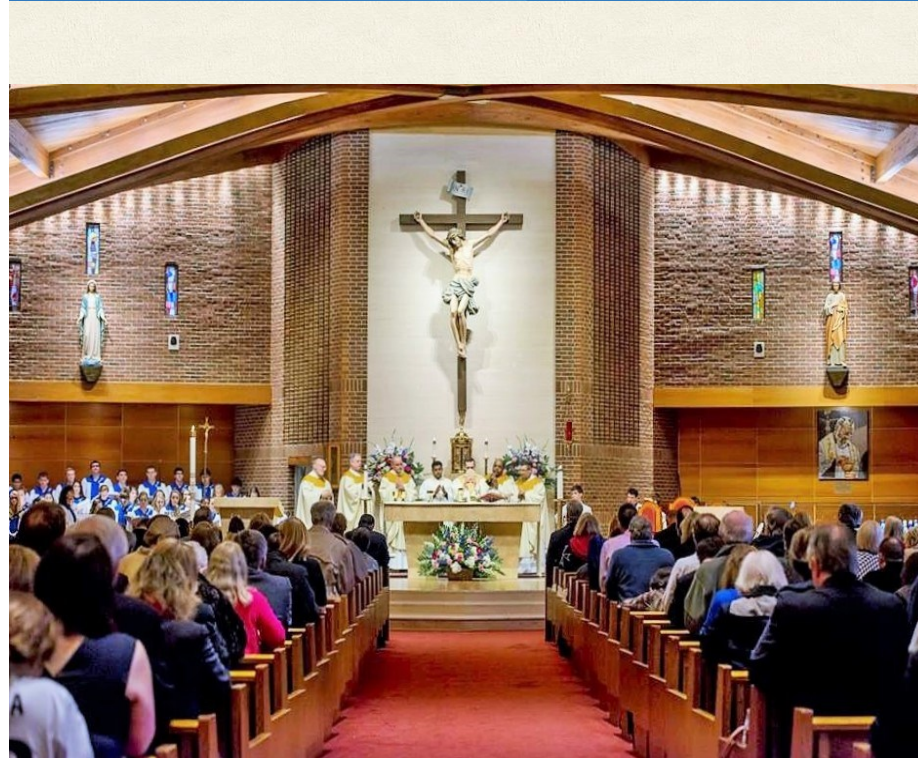
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