

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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July 14, 2024

# TAKE NOTHING FOR THE JOURNEY

– Mark 6:8 ——

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Christ Came for All.

You are Loved by Him and Welcomed Here.

Fr. Frank Hoffmann, Pastor

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# **All Are Welcome**

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ext. 108, <a href="mailto:StMattRecCenter@gmail.com">StMattRecCenter@gmail.com</a>

<u>Registration Forms</u>: available on our website, dick here for direct link and at the Parish Office.

#### **Church is open for PRIVATE PRAYER**

Every day: 7am-9pm (seven days per week) CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:00pm - 3:45pm in Church

Tuesday prior to 1st Friday: 7:00pm - 8:00pm in Church MASSES

Monday-Friday: 12:10pm in CHAPEL Saturday: 9:00am in CHAPEL

4:00pm Vigil in Church & Live Stream

**Sunday:** 7:30am; 9:00am; 10:30am; 12:00pm; 5:00pm in Church

Padre Pio Group Mass, Last Monday: 6:30pm in CHAPEL

**ADORATION** 

First Fridays: 1:00pm-7:00pm in the CHAPEL

#### **HOLY EUCHARIST**

If someone is ill, homebound or hospitalized, please call Sr. Sally Norcross, ext.118 CONFESSION

Saturday, 3:00-3:45pm; First Tuesday, 7-8pm ADORATION CHAPEL

For access, please email: <a href="mailto:Chapel@StMatthewNorwalk.org">Chapel@StMatthewNorwalk.org</a> ANOINTING

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing: please contact Fr. Ignacio, ext. 114 or Sr. Sally, ext. 118, or ext.101. BAPTISMS

Sundays, 1pm; Pre-Bap Workshops are held via Zoom. Contact Lorraine DeRosa: <u>Lorraine.711@hotmail.com</u>. MARRIAGE

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# This Week at St. Matthew

	THIS TYSSK GEOGRAFICATION
MON 15	12:10pm Mass
TUES 16	12:10pm Mass
WED 17	9:30am Curbside Food Pantry 12:10pm Mass 6:45pm Bingo in the Great Room 8:00pm AA
THURS 18	12:10pm Mass
FRI 19	12:10pm Mass
SAT 20	9:00am Mass in Chapel - 33 Day Consecration to Blessed Mother begins 3:00pm Confessions through 3:45pm 4:00pm Vigil Mass
SUN 21	7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass 12:00pm Mass 5:00pm Mass

# Welcome to St. Matthew!

We're so happy to have you here! Did you know that Catholic means universal? That means *everyone* is welcome into the Church. That includes you. No matter who you are or where you are on your journey, there's always a place for you at St. Matthew! If you would like to formally register, we'd love to have you! Online Registration is quick and easy. Just click on the "Registration" button on our website, <a href="StMatthewNorwalk.org">StMatthewNorwalk.org</a>.

# **Our Newly Baptized**

St. Matthew warmly welcomes

John Wyman, Jr.

to our Parish Family!

Congratulations to his parents and loved ones!

# Have a New Baby to be Baptized?

Pre-Baptism Workshops take place on Zoom. If you wish to have your child Baptized, but haven't attended a Pre-Bap Workshop, please contact Lorraine:

<u>Lorraine.711@hotmail.com</u> to schedule a Zoom workshop.

<u>Baptisms</u> are scheduled Sundays at 1pm. Please contact Lorraine DeRosa to schedule a date: <u>Lorraine.711@hotmail.com</u>

### **Banns of Marriage**

The Parish Family prays for

| Meghan Mammone & Alexander DeLuca ||| Marina Giuliano & Michael Hailey

as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

# Dear Parish Family,

I am very happy to announce that, while we will not be holding the Parish Carnival, we will continue to offer our very popular **RAFFLE** with three **cash prizes**: \$10,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000. Each ticket is priced at \$25. The drawing will be held on **Sunday**, **September 15**, 2024, at 4 PM. Winner need not be present.



The 1st Annual Chili & Apple Pie Contest/Fundraiser will accompany the drawing.

We are asking each household to participate in the raffle by buying or selling four tickets. Keep an eye on your mailbox for Raffle Ticket order forms. Complete the order form and return to the Parish Office.

Thank you so much for your participation in the raffle. It is one of our most significant fundraisers and enables our parish to continue to offer the excellent services we have been accustomed to providing over the years. Thanks, too, for your support of our Parish in other ways that help it to be the special place that it is.

In Christ,

Fr. Frank

Fr. Frank Hoffmann, Pastor

# Welcome to Remy Jane, our Newly Baptized!

Our newly Baptized is a source of joy for our Parish Family! Each new child reflects a facet of the infinite beauty and mystery of God.

Join us in welcoming Remy Jane Sanchez!
Congratulations to her parents,
Jessica Mitchell and Esteban Sanchez.
We share in their joy and ask
God's special grace for their family.

We thank Fr. Miguel, who presided over the Baptism and Lorraine DeRosa, our Baptism Coordinator, who joyfully walks along and guides our families through the Baptism Workshops and coordinates all of the details.

"God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into His holy people." Rite of Baptism



# † Mass Intentions



Monday, July 15

12:10 pm † Living Intention, Carmen Alba

Tuesday, July 16

12:10 pm † Marion Provenzano

Wednesday, July 17

12:10 pm † Helen & Carmine DeStefanis

Thursday, July 18

**12:10 pm** † John Thebodo

Friday, July 19

12:10 pm † Lena Rotunno

Saturday, July 20

9:00 am † Stephen McCormack

4:00 pm † Kristofer Arnold

† Hughes Family & Roman Family

† Richard Masse & Richard DeLallo

† Beverly LaJoie & Art Hornick

† Joseph Tri Pham

† Paul Nguyen & Anna Pham

Sunday, July 21

7:30 am † Mary & Maureen Kirwan

9:00 am † John Agius

10:30 am † Living Intention, Jason & Silvia Landri & Family

† Living Intention, Fr. Jeffrey Couture

† Lina & Alfredo Tilesio

† Bernard Gibbons

† Living Intention, Birchard Family

† Gabriele DiFederico

12:00 pm + Gabriele DiFederico

5:00 pm † Living Intention, Fr. Tomi Thomas

# In Loving Memory



Please pray for all those who have entered into Eternal Life, especially:

#### † Keith Romano

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

# **Parish Support**

#### June 24 - June 30, 2024 Offertory

 Offertory
 \$ 9,257.00

 Online Giving
 \$ 4,168.50

 Paypal
 \$ 810.00

 Total Regular Collection:
 \$ 14,235.50

 Offertory, same week in 2023
 \$ 18,507.50

 Offertory, same week in 2022
 \$ 20,613.50

 Votive Candles
 \$ 605.00

July 1 - July 7, 2024 Offertory

 Offertory
 \$ 13,575.00

 Online Giving
 \$ 4,555.50

 Paypal
 \$ 446.00

 Total Regular Collection:
 \$ 18,576.50

 Offertory, same week in 2023
 \$ 16,661.50

 Offertory, same week in 2022
 \$ 16,985.00

 Votive Candles
 \$ 543.00

Thank you for generosity in supporting all of our programs and ministries. For your convenience, we have two Online Giving options.

**St. Matthew Online Giving** (left QR scan) or **PayPal** (right QR)







Pledges | St. Matthew Goal \$171,730 | \$154,000 112% of Goal | 407 Donors

If you haven't already made a contribution, please prayerfully consider a one-time gift or pledge if you haven't already given. Ways to Give:

\* Give online: <u>2024BishopsAppeal.org</u> or Call 203-416-1470

\* Scan the QR Code with your phone —-->

\* Send by mail to D.O.B.

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# Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns in Loving Memory of

#### **Lorraine Mecca**

offered by her husband, Frank Mecca. *Please remember her in your prayers.* 



# **Registration Open: 2024-2025 Faith Formation**



# Dear Parish Families,

We are excited to announce that for the upcoming 2024-2025 year, we will be offering a <u>NEW OPTION</u> for our Faith Formation Program. We understand that families have busy schedules and we want to provide flexibility to accommodate everyone's needs.

Specifically, for Grades 1-5, families will have the choice of attending EITHER Sunday class OR Monday class. Please see below for details. Our team is dedicated to working with you to make this a great year for our youth to grow closer to Christ. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions or need assistance: <a href="mailto:StMattRelEd@gmail.com">StMattRelEd@gmail.com</a> or 203-838-3788, ext. 107.

Janet Mitchell, Director of Religious Education

#### **GRADES 1-5**

Class will be held weekly on EITHER SUNDAY from 10:00am - 11:00am OR

Monday from 5:00pm-6:00pm

and once-per-month we will have a Faith Formation Mass BY GRADE at 9:00am.

#### PreK/K

Class will be held ONCE A MONTH on SUNDAY from 10:00am - 11:00am

#### **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE, PRIOR TO August 20 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

Pre K-Kindergarten

·\$65/Child

Grades 1-5

·1 Child: \$200·2 Children: \$225

·3 or more Children: \$250

#### **REGISTRATION FEE, AFTER August 20 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

Pre K-Kindergarten

·\$75/Child

Grades 1-5

·1 Child: \$230

·2 Children: \$275

·3 or more Children: \$300

SCAN HERE to register



Early-bird Discount only prior to 8.20

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION, SCAN QR CODE OR CLICK:

https://www.osvhub.com/stmatthewnorwalk/forms/rel-ed-2024-2025

PAPER REGISTRATION - please download from the website: StMatthewNorwalk.org



## Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

"The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel." (Am 7:15)

#### Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

#### Second Reading:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world. (Eph 1:3-4)

#### Gospel:

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. (Mk 6:7)

### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus sends his disciples into the world with no money or provisions — just as he sends us. But make no mistake — he has given us everything we need: the strength that comes from faith in Christ, and the will to do what God has asked. Let's get to work.

# Observances for the week of July 14, 2024

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of

the Church

Tuesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Thursday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Saturday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr, BVM

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# CATHOLIC

#### Shake Off the Dust

Our kitchen floor is at least 35 years old, and it's the ugliest color to come out of the '80s. But it's a good, durable floor, and my husband, bless his heart, guards it like it was a finely finished hardwood imported from Brazil.

Every time the kids track mud and sand across its vinyl surface, he immediately gets down on his hands and knees and lovingly wipes the mess away. I'm too impatient to do this myself — we have kids, so we're going to have a dirty floor, is my attitude. But this is the hill upon which my husband dies. On hands and knees, scraping dirt off an almost 40-year-old floor, he is the silent, long-suffering sentry, and if it kills him, he will keep these floors pristine. He is Gandalf, and the dirt is the Balrog. You shall not pass.

"Shake the dust off your feet." This is what Christ tells his disciples to do when they — and his word — are rejected. Shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them. Why does he say that? It's not an act of dismissal. It's not a thumbed nose or a stuck-out tongue. No, it's an act of caution: Don't bring it with you. Leave it there.

When we walk through the world, we pick up a lot of dirt. Misguided notions, disordered priorities, habits, and desires that we never noticed until we realized they left a trail. We come into a situation intending to do what is right, but somehow it all goes sideways, and we walk away from it with detritus clinging to us in places we don't notice. They wouldn't listen. They'll see, we think. Oh, they'll see. They'll see how right I was. Pride and vengeance hitch a ride on the soles of our feet, and we track them all through the world.

What to do about this? You can be like me with my ugly old floor. You can shrug your shoulders and say, "It happens, I guess. I'm only human. I meant well."

But here's what would be better: be like my husband. Get down on your knees and get rid of the dirt. Stop the trail in its tracks.

"So they went off and preached repentance." - Mark 6:12

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman





# **Little Angels Choir Director Needed!**

Our Little Angels Choir is in need of a Director!!

- \*Must have experience teaching pre-school age children and play guitar or piano.
- \*Knowledge of Catholic Mass and experience with youth choirs appreciated.
- \*Choir rehearses every Thursday at 5pm, September 12 through mid-May and sing at 9:00am Mass once a month.

Please call Val Wyman for information: 203-451-5959.



# 1st Annual St Matthew Chili & Apple Pie Contest OPEN TO ALL TO ENTER! Sunday, September 15, 2024 1:00pm-4:00pm in Great Room

Do you make the best chili or bake the most delicious apple pie?! Please email George Ribellino and DeeAnn Dorrico at: PastoralCouncil@stmatthewnorwalk.org. More details to follow!



# Co-op Mission Sunday: July 20-21 Fr. Sunil Pereira, IMS, to speak at Masses

Every summer, parishes in our Diocese (and throughout the United States) are visited for one weekend by a missionary from a Catholic organization or diocese from around the world. We, the parishioners, hear about their essential mission work for the Church, their stories, their challenges, and their successes. The missionaries not only increase our awareness of the Church's missionary activity, but also help promote vocations to the Missions in the hearts of our young people. We are invited to help these organizations carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth with our prayers and financial support.

Next weekend, on Co-op Mission Sunday, we will warmly welcome back Fr. Sunil Pereira, who will speak about The Indian Missionary Society. Please see the letter below. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

#### The Indian Missionary Society - Delhi Province

#### Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

The Indian Missionary Society was founded by Rev. Gaspar A. Pinto in the Holy City of Varanasi, India in 1941. The Religious Order has 300 priests and 250 seminarians studying in different stages of formation. The Charism of the congregation is pioneering evangelizations. We predominantly work and share our faith with the people of other religions.

At present, we are engaged in the following missionary activities: Building up of Christian communities; Youth Ministry; Prison Ministry; Women and girl child programs; Education ministry for the children of low-income families; Hostels and boarding schools for children from rural areas; Inter-religious dialogue; Centers for special needs; Formation Centers for seminarians.

Your sacrificial contribution this year will be used to support 250 students from rural areas staying in our four hostels. These are needy children who cannot afford education staying at home. Your donation helps to defray the expenses of tuition fees, food, clothing, medical care and accommodation for them. We remain eternally grateful for your magnanimous support

May God bless you, The IMS-Delhi Province

# PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY



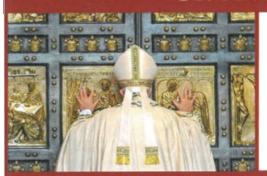
Join Fr. Miguel on a Spiritual Journey to Italy for the JUBILEE YEAR 2025!

This pilgrimage will offer a unique opportunity to deepen our faith, discover the rich history of the Catholic Church, and explore the beautiful sights of Italy including the opportunity to pass through the Holy Doors of the Basilica of St. Peter in Vatican City & the other 3 Major Basilicas.

The Jubilee is a special year of grace, in which the Catholic Church offers the faithful the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence by crossing the Holy Doors, which are only opened every 25 years during the Jubilee Year.

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#### **SUMMER FACILITY HOURS BEGIN JULY 1**

<u>Monday-Friday:</u> 7:00am - 9:00pm <u>Saturday:</u> 8:00am - 1:00pm <u>Sunday:</u> 12:00pm - 4:00pm

#### **PARISHIONER MEMBERSHIP**

You must be an active, registered Parishioner of St. Matthew Church for at least six (6) months to receive a FOB for entry.

No one under the age of 18 years is allowed to use the Rec Center without an accompanying adult.

FOBS are required for entry to the Rec Center. Please help us protect our facility by not giving access to anyone who does not possess a FOB.



## **Tuesday Confessions - Please Note**

Confessions will now take place on the *Tuesday prior to First Friday*, from 7pm to 8pm, NOT the First Tuesday of each month.

The idea behind this change is to have the opportunity for Confession before First Friday, and sometimes the first Tuesday of the month takes place *after the first Friday*. (Confessions will continue to be heard on Saturdays from 3:00pm to 3:45pm.)

Here are the Tuesday Confession dates through 2024.

July 30 No Tuesday Confessions in August. September 3 October 1 October 29 No Tuesday Confessions in November. December 3 No Tuesday Confessions on Dec. 31.







#### **Adoration Society**

Adoration members sign up to spend time on the First Friday of each month with the Blessed Sacrament.
Contact Ramona Bouffard:
RamonaBouffard@WmConnect.com

# **Altar Society & Linens**

Assist in the overall cleanliness of the Church & Sanctuary. Contact Carmela Milici: JCMilici@Frontier.com
Linen Ladies: Contact Karen Iaco: KarenClaco@aol.com

#### **Bereavement Group**

Provides consultation and spiritual support to parish families in need. Contact Sr. Sally Norcross: SNorcross@StMatthewNorwalk.org

#### Bible Study for Women

Walking with Purpose was created just for women to help them enjoy a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ, nurtured through personal Bible study and small group discussions. Contact Noelle Vasquez: <a href="https://www.stwathewNorwalk@gmail.com">wwp.stwathewNorwalk@gmail.com</a>

#### **Catholic Daughters**

Members support the Catholic Church, the clergy, and various educational and charitable causes. Meets 2nd Sunday of each month after the 10:30am Mass. Contact Mary Buley:

MTBuley42@gmail.com

#### **Communion for Homebound**

For anyone who is homebound, in the hospital or nursing facility, who wishes to receive Holy Eucharist, please contact Sr. Sally Norcross: SNorcross@StMatthewNorwalk.org

#### **Finance Committee**

Members help the Pastor with oversight, planning and counsel. Contact Mike Munisteri: Mick 06854@yahoo.com

#### **Fitness Group**

A ministry for women to encourage health of body and mind through exercise. Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30pm in the Great Room. Contact Aggie Squeo:

FitAgi50@aol.com

#### Flower Committee

Dedicated to decorating the church with flowers for special liturgical celebrations and the different seasons of the year. Contact Aggie Squeo: FitAgi50@aol.com

#### **Food Pantry**

Provides groceries and basic necessities to those in need in the Norwalk Community every Wednesday, 10am-11:30am.
Contact Beverly Martin:

BeverlyDMartin@aol.com

#### **Home Blessings**

Provides families the opportunity to have a priest visit and bless their home. Contact Mare in the Parish Office: StMattParish@hotmail.com

#### **Knights of Columbus**

Membership is open to Catholic men, 18 yrs + committed to organizing charitable functions benefitting the church and community. Meet 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30pm. Contact Chris O'Connor: ChrisOConnor14@yahoo.com

#### **Mass Ministry**

All youth and adult parishioners are welcomed and encouraged to participate in Liturgical Ministries: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; Readers; Ushers; Altar Servers.
Contact JoAnn Esposito:

JMStMatthew@gmail.com

#### Music Ministry

All are welcomed to lift their voices to God - no audition required! Little Angels (4yrs-Gr. 2) Youth Choir (Gr 3-8) Psalm (13-24yrs) Adult (18yrs +)

Contact Val Wyman: 203-451-5959

#### **New Horizons**

for Parish Members 60 yrs & older Our goal is to provide enrichment for the spiritual and social life of our members (single or couples). Contact Joan Walsh:

# JoanMWalsh@optonline.net Movies in the Newman Center

Every Tuesday at 1:30pm (Sept - June)

**Cards & Games:** 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 1pm (Sept - June), contact Claire Bartoli:

<u>Claire\_Bartoli @yahoo.com</u> or Karen laco: <u>KarenClaco@aol.com</u>

#### **Open Door Shelter**

Outreach to the hungry in our community. Members prepare meals four times annually to be served at the Open Door Shelter in Norwalk. Contact Theresa Figueiras: <a href="mailto:TreNard@optonline.net">TreNard@optonline.net</a>

#### **Padre Pio Prayer Group**

Meetings set around Mass, prayers, Adoration, Benediction with Rosary and prayers for the Holy Father's intentions. Meets last Monday/mo, 6:30pm in Chapel. Contact Fr. Ignacio: Frignacio1971@gmail.com.

#### **Parish Mailing Group**

Members assist in folding, stuffing, sealing envelopes for parish mailings.
Contact MaryJane Johnston or Barbara
Sibiskie: WJohnston7861@SBCglobal.net

#### **Parish Nurses**

Promotes wellness and healing of parishioners through blood pressure screenings on the First Weekend of each month. Contact Nancy Mola: NancyMola@gmail.com

#### Parish Rosary via Zoom

All are welcome to pray the Rosary every Sunday, 8pm via Zoom. Click here to join on Sunday night:

stmatthewnorwalk.org/parish-rosary-on-zoom/ Contact Patrick Kelley:

PatWmKelley@gmail.com

#### **Prayer & Rosary Group**

A resource in times of urgent prayer need. For prayer requests, or to join, contact Ramona Bouffard:

StMatthewPrays@gmail.com

#### **Professional Consultations**

Provides free, remote Professional Consultations in the areas of Finance and Immigration Assistance.
Contact Margaret Riobo:
StMatthewConsultations@gmail.com

# RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
For adults who wish to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism,
Confirmation; First Eucharist.
Contact MaryAnn Roberts:

CinMare@yahoo.com

#### **Sewing Ministry**

Members create needed textiles such as Baptism Robes for babies, and costumes for our children's Christmas pageant. Contact Pam Kress: ArfPam@optonline.net

# Parishioner's Son Seeking Kidney Donor

We are the Gentiles: Tony, Raffie & Isabella. A young family celebrating three years of marriage, and our daughter is coming up on her one-year birthday in August.

Tony and Isabella just celebrated their first Father's Day together in June, and we're hoping and praying for many, many more celebrations to come.

We recently learned that Tony, who is the son of Parishioner Marie Gentile, will need a kidney transplant in the near future.

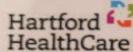
The kidneys are powerful chemical factories that perform the following functions in our bodies: remove waste products from the body: balance the body's fluids; release hormones that regulate blood pressure; produce an active form of Vitamin D that promotes strong, health bones; and control the production of red blood cells. Chronic kidney disease may progress to kidney failure, requiring dialysis or kidney transplantation.

> Please use the QR code (on the right) to learn more about how to help Tony on his journey to finding a kidney.

Thank you for considering giving the gift of life!







# Anthony J. Gentile

I am looking for a living donor for a life-saving kidney transplant. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in learning more please call 860-696-2021 or register online.

Learn about living donation! hhchealth.donorscreen.org

Or scan code:



Thank you for considering giving the gift of life!







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