SAINT MATTHEW PARISH FAMILY

StMatthewNorwalk.org

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

NEWS

July 31 | 2022

Annual Bishop's Appeal

GOAL MET!

CARNIVAL!
August 3 - 6

Wed-Fri: 6-10pm
Saturday: 2-10pm

Raffle Drawing
Sat: 10pm

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

Fr. Jeffrey W. Couture, Pastor

Fr. Sunil Pereira, Parochial Vicar | Deacon Miguel Betancur Lenis

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LIVE STREAMING TO OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE

All Are Welcome

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SBuckett@StMatthewNorwalk.org
Rec Center: StMattRecCenter@gmail.com
Special Events Coordinator: Carol Cosgrove, ext. 108

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

7am-9pm, seven days per week

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Confessions
Saturday: 3:00pm - 3:45pm
First Tuesday: 7:00pm - 8:00pm with Adoration

Masses
Saturday: 4:00pm Mass & Live Stream
Sunday: 7:30am Mass I 9:00am Mass
10:30am Mass & Live Stream
12:00pm Mass I 5:00pm Mass

Mon-Fri: 12:10 pm & Live Stream Masses
First Friday: 12:10pm & Live Stream, followed by Adoration in the Church through 7pm

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: Chapel@StMatthewNorwalk.org
ANOINTING
To receive the Sacrament of Anointing: please contact Fr. Sunil, ext. 114; Sr. Sally, ext. 118, or ext.101.
BAPTISMS
Sundays, 1pm; Pre-Bap Workshops are held via Zoom.
Contact Lorraine DeRosa: Lorraine.711@hotmail.com.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Janet Mitchell, ext. 107; StMattRelEd@gmail.com
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CONSULTATIONS: Professional Consultations are held virtually. Email Margaret Riobo:
StMatthewConsultations@gmail.com
INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Ramona Bouffard:
StMatthewPrays@gmail.com

This Week at St. Matthew

MON 01	12:10pm	Mass & Live Stream
TUES 02	12:10pm	Mass & Live Stream
	7:00pm	Confession & Adoration through 8pm
WED 03	12:10pm	Mass & Live Stream
	2:00pm	Bounce Zone in Rec Center through 8pm
	6:00pm	Carnival through 10pm
	8:00pm	AA Meeting
THUR 04	12:10pm	Mass & Live Stream
	2:00pm	Bounce Zone in Rec Center through 8pm
	6:00pm	Carnival through 10pm
FRI 05	12:10pm	Mass & Live Stream
	1:00pm	First Fri. Adoration in CHAPEL through 7pm
	2:00pm	Bounce Zone in Rec Center through 8pm
	6:00pm	Carnival through 10pm
SAT 06	12:00pm	Bounce Zone in Rec Center through 8pm
	2:00pm	Carnival through 10pm
	3:00pm	Confessions through 3:45pm
	4:00pm	Vigil Mass & Live Stream
SUN 07	7:30am	Mass
	9:00am	Mass
	10:30am	Mass and Live Stream
	12:00pm	Mass
	5:00pm	Mass

Communion for the Homebound

Do you know someone who is homebound and wishes to receive Communion? Please call Sr. Sally Norcross, Pastoral Assistant: 203-838-3788, ext. 118.

Banns of Marriage

The Parish Family prays for
Lisa Lanciotti & Mark Fanelli
as they prepare to receive
the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Our Newly Baptized

St. Matthew Warmly Welcomes
Emerson Iacovino and Alessia Trombetta
to our Parish Family!
Congratulations to their parents & loved ones!

Pre-Baptism Workshop & Baptisms

Do you have or know someone with a new baby or young child who needs to be Baptized? Pre-Baptism Workshop are held via Zoom. Please contact Lorraine DeRosa, Baptism Coordinator to arrange a Zoom session: Lorraine.711@hotmail.com

After you attend a Zoom Session, Lorraine will schedule your Baptism date. Baptisms are held on Sundays at 1:00pm.

2022Annual Bishop's Appeal

WE MADE IT!!

We have reached our goal, thanks to the *extreme* generosity of a family in our Parish who wishes to remain anonymous. Please pray for them, and for the goodness and generosity of their giving.

PLEDGES 100%+

Amount Pledged:	Our Target:
$ 156,447	**$ 154,000**

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31, 2022

Sunday:	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Monday:	St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
Thursday:	St. John Vianney, Priest
Friday:	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Saturday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Next Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Holy Day | Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, Aug. 15th

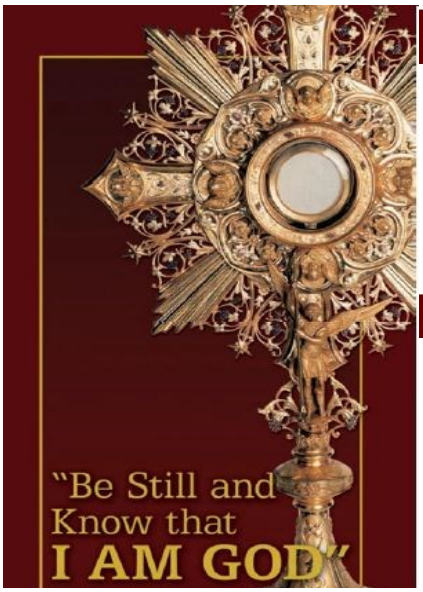
Masses will be held in the Church.

8:00 am

12:10 pm

7:00 pm

This Feast Day commemorates the end of Our Lady's earthly life when she was assumed body and soul into Heaven.



First Tuesday

Confession & Adoration
Tuesday, August 2
7:00pm-8:00pm
in the CHURCH

First Friday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, August 5
Adoration will be held
1:00pm-7:00pm
IN THE CHAPEL
Please note: the rosary will not be prayed at 6:30pm.

- **August 6-7 Weekend:** The Rosary is prayed one-half hour prior to all Masses on the first weekend of every month. The Rosary ends ten minutes prior to the Mass ensuring silent time for private prayer.

- **Sundays at 8pm:** Pray the Rosary via Zoom, every Sunday at 8pm with your St. Matthew Parish Family. You can pray via cell phone or via your computer's Zoom account. Details on the website, StMatthewNorwalk.org. **QUESTIONS?** Please contact Patrick Kelley: PatWmKelley@gmail.com

Mass Intentions for this Week

Monday, August 1
12:10pm † Nick DeRosa

Tuesday, August 2
12:10 pm † George Thomas

Wednesday, August 3
12:10 pm † Kay Miloro

Thursday, August 4
12:10 pm † Living Intention, Chris Couture

Friday, August 5
12:10 pm † Olga & Joseph Grywalski

Saturday, August 6
4:00 pm † Living Intention, Dina Velez
† Billy Laux & Ronnie LaJoie
† Gilberto Valle
† Joseph Milici
† Robert Hendrick, Sr.
† Tadeusz Golwiej
† Living Intention, Priests of St. Matthew

Sunday, August 7
7:30 am † Carol Misek Custer
9:00 am † Claire Christopher
10:30 am † Zezima Family
† Jospeh Valiante
† Andrew Viggiano
† Mary Riccio
† Patrick Damanti
† Dolores Hedrick
12:00 pm † Walter Orlowski, Sr.
5:00 pm † Joseph Grywalski

In Loving Memory

Please pray for
Richard Shand
Hillard B. Bloom
John Marino
Margaret Lutostanski
who have gone home to the Lord.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And may perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Support

July 18—July 24

Offertory:	**$**	**9,802.00**
Online Giving:	**$**	**4,037.50**
Paypal:	**$**	**230.00**
Total Regular Collection:	**$**	**14,069.50**
Offertory Same Week, 2021:	**$**	**14,113.50**
Offertory Same Week, 2020:	**$**	**13,082.00**
Votive Candles	**$**	**716.00**

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

The Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle
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in Loving Memory of
Edwin Sanchez
offered by
Joan and Bill Joyce
Please remember him in your prayers.

The Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary Flowers
are offered
in Loving Memory of
Edward T. McGettigan, Jr.
offered by his wife, Cathy McGettigan
Please remember him in your prayers.

Sanctuary Flowers | Candle Memorials

Sanctuary Candle: Would you like to honor a loved one with the Sanctuary Candle Memorial? Our beeswax Candle burns 24/7. Your loved one will be prayed for and their name will appear in the bulletin during the week of the gift. The Offering is $25. Please contact the Parish Office: 203-838-3788, ext. 101.

Sanctuary Flowers: You may memorialize the Altar flowers in memory of a loved one. Their name will appear in the bulletin during the week of the gift. The Offering is $150. You can also Sponsor Special Events or Holy Days: Your child or grandchild's First Communion, Confirmation, Feast Days, etc. The Offering is $250 for a special event. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange: 203-838-3788, ext. 101.

CARNIVAL COUNTDOWN: 3 DAYS TO GO!

AUGUST 3 - 6

WED - FRI: 6pm - 10pm I SATURDAY: 2pm - 10pm

Indoor Bounce Zone! Wed -Fri: 2pm-8pm I Sat: 12pm -8pm

Burgers...Hot Dogs...Fries...Pizza Fritte...Empanadas...
SAUGATUCK SWEETS ICE CREAM!

FREE SHUTTLE from NCC
Handicapped Parking at St. Matthew Lot

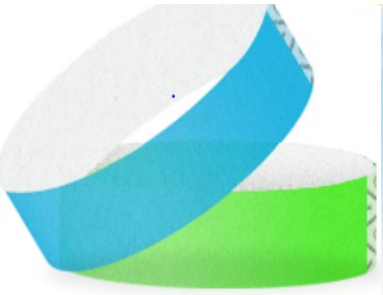
FREE ADMISSION
ALL-DAY RIDE BRACELETS—$30/DAY!
OFFERED EVERY DAY

BOUNCE ZONE

DOWNSTAIRS IN THE REC CENTER!

All-Day Bracelets
$30/day

Pre-buy 4-DAY passes
- $100/PERSON -
after Masses this weekend



ST MATTHEW CARNIVAL
CASH $$$
RAFFLE TICKETS

TICKET-ADMIT ONE
$10,000 CASH 1ST PRIZE
$2,000 CASH 2ND PRIZE
$1,000 CASH 3RD PRIZE
TICKET-ADMIT ONE

JUST $25 per TICKET!

PRIZE DRAWING: SAT I AUG 6 @10PM
Winner need not be present! St. Matthew Church I Norwalk, CT

Ways to purchase a Raffle Ticket:
1. After all Weekend Masses
2. At the Parish Office
3. New this year: ONLINE!
   Just **Scan the QR code ——>**
   or visit StMatthewNorwalk.org

Janet Mitchell, Director of Religious Education
Liz Reid, Confirmation Coordinator
Contact us anytime— we're here for you! Phone: 203-838-3788, ext. 107
Email: StMattRelEd@gmail.com; website: StMatthewNorwalk.org

St. Matthew Faith Formation team has been very busy planning for the upcoming 2022-23 Faith Formation year! There will be some changes this Fall to the Program for Grades Pre-K through Grade 5. These changes are designed *to help our Faith Formation students to grow and live in their Faith.* We are excited to announce that registration is now open. **Early bird Discount pricing for Pre-K- Gr. 5 through August 30, 2022.** We look forward to working with all of you to make this a great year of Religious Education for our youth!

STUDENT INFORMATION & CLASS TIMES

Classes will be held on Sundays ONCE PER MONTH, PER GRADE.
Classes will begin with **Sunday Mass at 9am**, and
There will be **IN-PERSON Classes immediately following, from 10am-12pm.**

CALENDAR DATES & GRADES

Grade PreK-K & Grade 1: October 16; November 6; December 4; January 8; February 5; March 5; April 2; May 7
Grade 2 & Grade 3: October 23; November 13; December 11; January 22; February 12; March 12; April 16; May 14
Grade 4 & Grade 5; October 30; November 20; December 18; January 29; February 26; March 19; April 23; May 21

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEES

$55.00 | PreK-Kindergarten Early Bird
$180.00 | Gr 1-5 EARLY BIRD 1 CHILD
$215.00 | Gr 1-5 EARLY BIRD 2 CHILDREN
$240.00 | Gr. 1-5 EARLY BIRD 3 or more CHILDREN
$0 | Catechist

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Janet Mitchell if you have questions or need financial assistance: StMattRelEd@gmail.com.

This year, our Parish and three other Parishes in Norwalk have been asked by Bishop Caggiano to form a Pilot Program for Confirmation, Confirmation Prep, and Middle School Collaboration. This exciting new program will feature some class instruction and lessons but will encompass a Norwalk Community-wide Middle School gathering of young people for Mass, activities, and Faith Formation. You will be learning and developing ways of sharing and living your faith.

Our Parish will team up with St. Philip Parish, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, and St. Jerome Parish for this elaborate community endeavor.

STUDENT INFORMATION & CLASS TIMES

Confirmation Program Classes (7th Grade) and Confirmation Prep Classes (6th grade) will be comprised of:

One monthly Sunday afternoon class **at St. Matthew,** 3PM-6PM including attendance together as a class at the 5:00pm Mass, and
One monthly Sunday session **at All Saints Catholic School** with the students from the other parishes, 4PM-7PM including 4pm Mass & pizza dinner for each session.

7th Graders: Confirmation for the 7th Graders will be in the Spring following the end of the classes.
6th Graders: Sixth graders will then transition into the Confirmation Program for the following year.

CLASS SCHEDULE DATES: 2022-2023

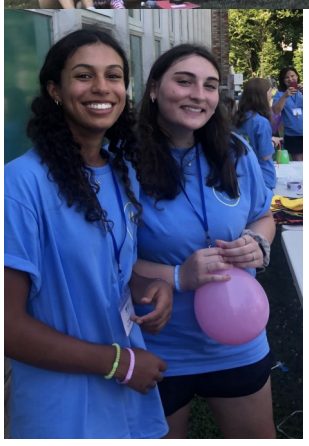
AT ST. MATTHEW CHURCH Sunday Sessions, 3:00pm to 6:00pm, includes 5:00pm Mass: October 2; November 6; December 4; January 8; February 5; March 5; April 16; May 7
AT ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL Sunday Sessions, 4:00pm to 7:00pm: October 23; November 20; December 18; January 22; February 26; March 19; April 23; May 21.

For details, please visit the website, and don't hesitate to reach out to Liz Reid if you have questions or need financial assistance: StMattRelEd@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP

Summer has definitely been busy, but we're not complaining! Teens have gotten involved in our Junior Youth Group Service Camp, our Senior Youth Group Summer Mission Day, and other fun Youth Group meetings throughout the last couple of weeks! Up next, we have our Steubenville Conference, and then some time off before we start up again in the Fall. We can't wait to welcome any new Youth Groupers, specifically our kids transitioning from 3rd-5th grade Youth Group to Junior Youth Group, and our teens going from Junior Youth Group to Senior Youth Group. Wishing you all a great end of Summer! ~Olivia Buisson, Youth Group Director; 203-838-3788, ext. 115; YouthCoordinator@StMatthewNorwalk.org

What a wonderful Summer Mission Day we had with our high schoolers! Teens from local parishes gathered at St. Matthew and started the day off with Mass, enjoyed some delicious Chick-Fil-A, and then headed off to their service locations. The first service project of the day was at Filling in the Blanks where our teens packed over 1,080 meal bags for hungry children in our community. Our highschoolers then headed to Malta House and hosted a mini carnival and barbecue for the Malta residents and their families. Small group discussions and decades of the Rosary were also spread out throughout the day to give our teens an opportunity to dive deeper into our theme of Pray, Serve, Love! We are so proud of our highschoolers for making the day as special as it was! ~Olivia Buisson, Youth Group Director

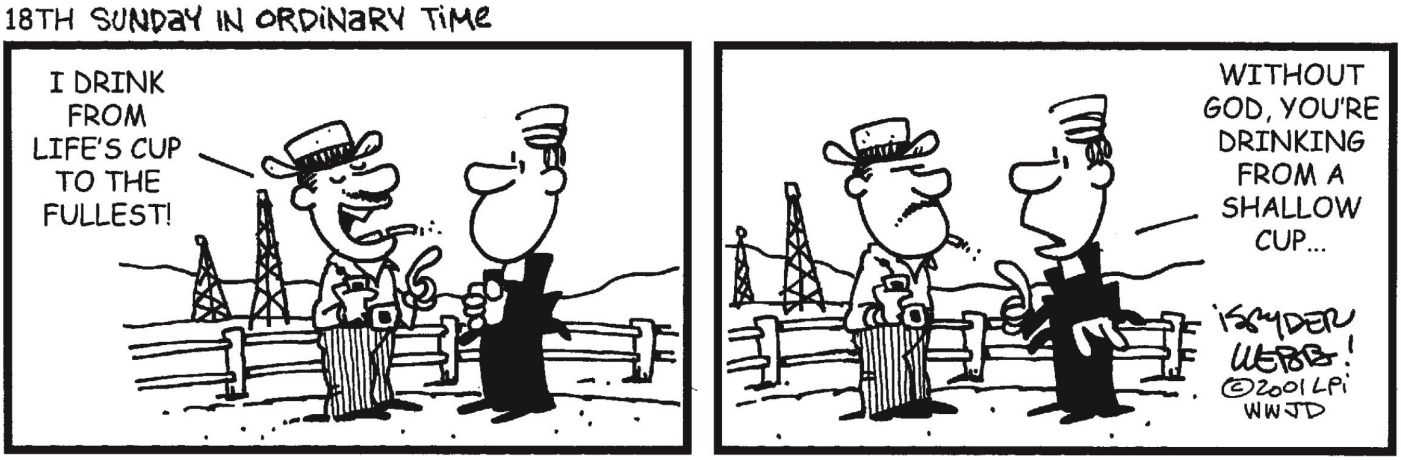


GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.



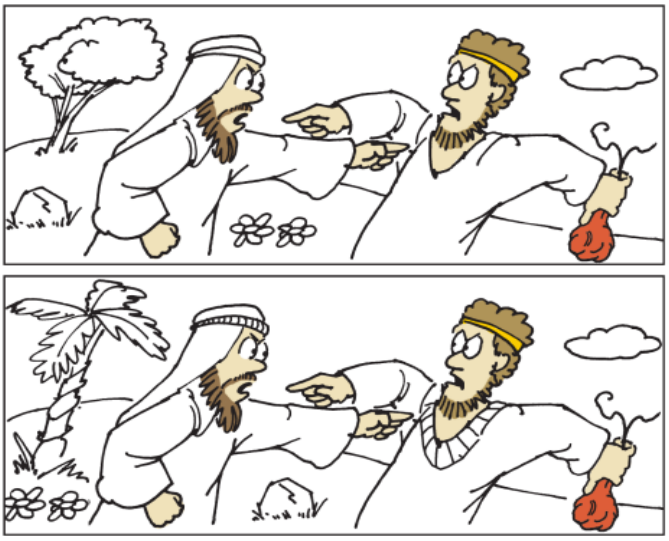
Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 3+ July 31, 2022 • Luke 12:13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

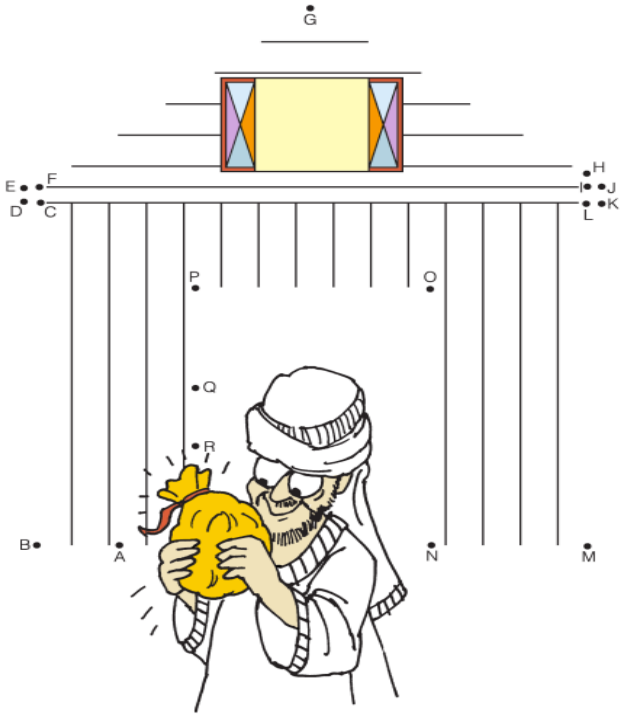
A man and his brother argued about money.

Circle 5 differences in the bottom picture.



Jesus told them a parable about a foolish rich man who decided to store up his riches for himself.

Connect the dots. A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R



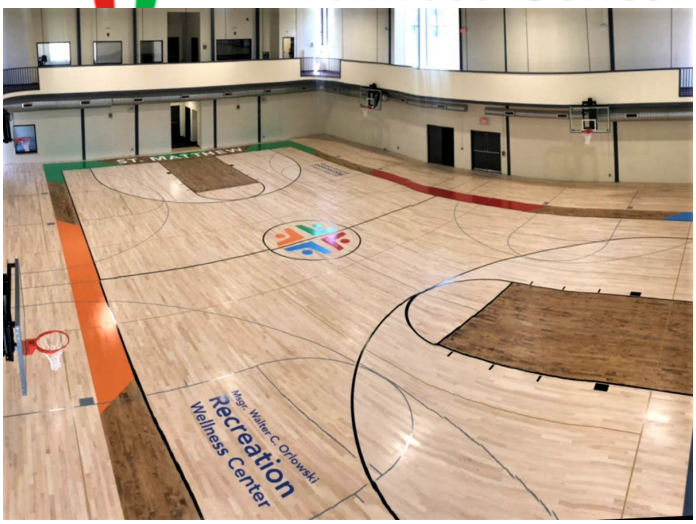
But God told him that when he died, his riches would be given to others.

Count the 6 or 7 ? 4 or 5 ?
Circle the answers.

Jesus said, "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

Circle the children who are sharing.

Msgr. Walter C. Orlowski Recreation Wellness Center



Jay Egan, Executive Director
Carol Cosgrove, Special Events Coordinator
For operational use or programming inquiries:
StMattRecCenter@gmail.com; 203-838-3788, ext. 108.

Facility Information:

- HOURS OF OPERATION: 5am-9pm
- The Rec Center is open to all Parishioners of St. Matthew Church.
- Anyone under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by an adult.
- KEY FOBS are REQUIRED FOR ENTRY.

Key FOB requests: StMatthewNorwalk.org/forms/fob-request

- Questions? Please contact Carol: StMattRecCenter@gmail.com.

NEW UPDATE

JULY 31—AUG 8:
No Open Gym due to
Carnival Bounce Zone Installation.
The track & workout room will be available for use.

KEY FOBS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY TO REC CENTER

If you have already ordered a Key FOB, please stop by the Parish Office to pick it up: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm; closed Fridays.

***If you have not yet registered for a FOB, please register by going to our website, or click on the following link.**
osvhub.com/stmatthewnorwalk/forms/fob-request

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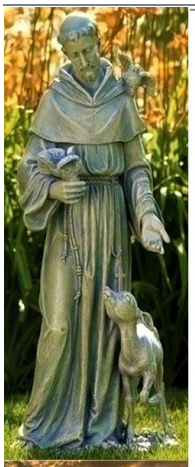
Knights of Columbus
offering Parish & Community Outreach
Catholic Daughters outreach to the Community
Bi-weekly Fitness Group
Blood Pressure Screenings I Parish Nurses
Family Formation Seminars on
Social Justice Teachings and Teen Life
Giving Tree to local organizations
Food and Toy Bin Deliveries
in coordination with local NGO Al's Angels
Hospital & Homebound Visitation Ministry
offering daily spiritual support/companionship
and seasonal visits from youth and families
St. Matthew Prayer Network
committed to praying for those in need
Youth Yard Cleanup for the Elderly
Toolbelt Ministry minor repairs and maintenance
For information about the programs, please contact our
Parish Office, 203-838-3788, ext. 101.



WONDERS OF MEDJUGORJE AND ITALY

Pilgrimage with Spiritual Leader Fr. Jeff Couture
& Assistant Leader Fr. Paul Sankar

11 Days: Sept. 30-Oct. 10

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