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PARISH FAMILY
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# NEWS
December 25, 2022
The Nativity of the Lord

*Glory to God in the highest*
*and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.*

*Wishing you a Blessed Christmas from your St. Matthew Parish Family!*

# All Are Welcome

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Fr. Jeff is grateful to anyone who would like to make a donation, small or large, before the end of the year. You have until December 31st to do so in order to receive a tax deduction for the year

Donating Appreciated Securities can give donors special tax advantages. Donating assets that have grown in value over a long period of time such as marketable securities allows a donor to receive an income tax deduction for the full market value of the stock on the date of the gift, provided they have owned the securities for more than 12 months. Most donors avoid liability for capital gains otherwise due on the sale of securities. We are not tax experts and this is not intended to provide you with tax advice. Please speak with your tax advisor as to how this would affect you.

**Fr. Jeff would be glad to speak to you about this if you have any questions or would like to make a gift for a specific purpose: 203-838-3788, ext. 127.**

## This Week at St. Matthew

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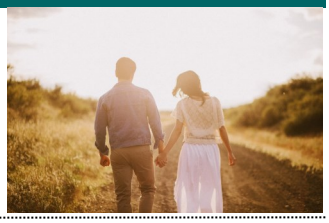
| **MON 26** | 9:00am Mass & Live Stream (no 12:10pm Mass) |
| **TUES 27** | 12:10pm Mass & Live Stream |
| **WED 28** | 12:10pm Mass & Live Stream<br>8:00pm AA |
| **THUR 29** | 12:10pm Mass & Live Stream<br>7:00pm Adoration & Confessions IN THE CHAPEL |
| **FRI 30** | 12:10pm Mass & Live Stream |
| **SAT 31** | 9:00am Mass IN THE CHAPEL<br>**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**<br>3:00pm Confessions through 3:45pm<br>4:00pm Vigil Mass & Live Stream |
| **SUN 01** | 7:30am Mass<br>9:00am Mass<br>10:30am Mass & Live Stream<br>12:00pm Mass<br>5:00pm Mass<br>7:00pm Filipino Mass |

## Engaged to be Married?

Do you know a couple choosing not to get married in the Church because they don't belong and no church will take them? We're delighted and honored to help them! Please be in touch with Lorraine DeRosa, Marriage Coordinator: Lorraine.711@hotmail.com.



## Pre-Baptism Workshops

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

## Communion for the Homebound

Do you have a family member or friend who is homebound and wishes to receive Communion? Please contact Sr. Sally Norcross: 203-838-3788, ext. 118.

## Holiday Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26 through Monday, Jan. 2, and will re-open Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 9am, following the Diocesan Holy Day/Holiday Schedule.

# Merry Christmas!

## Dear Parishioners,

Today we are reminded by the Birth of our Lord of the joy that He brought to the world but also, especially the personal joy He brought to His parents that night as He came into the world. This joy was a comfort for Mary and Joseph since they underwent many challenges and hardships leading up to the Birth of Jesus. However, when Jesus was born, the joy, love and appreciation Mary and Joseph felt as they gazed upon Him as He opened His eyes in the world was a comfort to them.

Let this moment of Jesus' life remind us that despite the challenges and hardships we go through at Christmas, like Mary and Joseph, the celebration of His birth brings us love and joy and much needed comfort. On behalf of Fr. Ignacio, Msgr. Sabia, Deacon Miguel, Sister Sally and all the Staff we wish you a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

*Joyfully Yours in Christ,*
*Fr. Jeff*

# Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**Saturday, Dec. 31**
New Year's Eve: 4:00pm Vigil

**Sunday, Jan. 1**
New Year's Day
7:30am I 9:00am I 10:30am & Live Stream
12:00pm I 5:00pm I 7:00pm Filipino

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is dedicated to Mary's motherhood. This celebration highlights the significance of Mary's role in the life of Christ.
***It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics.***

The use of the word "Solemnity" is a designation used for certain days within the liturgical calendar. Solemnities are the highest rank of liturgical celebration, higher than feast days or memorials.

## † Mass Intentions †

**Monday, December 26**
**9:00 am** † Elizabeth Gendron

**Tuesday, December 27**
**12:10 pm** † Sharon Errico Shmanda

**Wednesday, December 28**
**12:10 pm** † Joseph E. Mazzo

**Thursday, December 29**
**12:10 pm** † Nick DeRosa

**Friday, December 30**
**12:10 pm** † Nick DeRosa

**Saturday, December 31**
**9:00 am** † Intentions of the Priest
**4:00 pm** † Intentions of the Priest

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**
**7:30 am** † Intentions of the Priest
**9:00 am** † Intentions of the Priest
**10:30 am** † Intentions of the Priest
**12:00 pm** † Intentions of the Priest
**5:00 pm** † Intentions of the Priest
**7:00 pm** † Filipino Mass: Intentions of the Priest

## In Loving Memory

Please pray for
**Wilbur (Bill) Taylor**
**Dianna Buther**
**Michael P. Curry**
**Mario Matarese**
who have gone home to the Lord.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And may perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

## Parish Support

The Parish Offertory Totals were unavailable due to an early bulletin transmission. They will be published in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity
in supporting St. Matthew Programs and Ministries.
We can only offer what we do with your support.
For our 2022 Parish Enhanced Offertory Program, click here:
https://www.osvhub.com/stmatthewnorwalk/forms/comittment-card-2022
For your convenience, we have two Online Giving options.

St. Matthew Parish Online Giving
EASY. SAFE. CONVENIENT

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

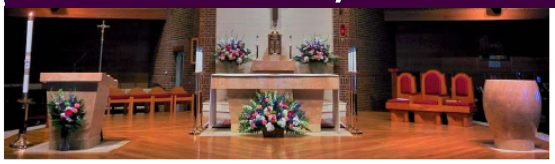
## The Sanctuary Candle

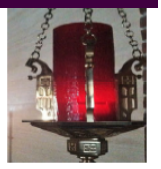
The Sanctuary Candle
*is offered*
*in loving memory of*
**Eriberto Lomotan, Jr.**
*by his wife Charito A. Lomotan,*
*children Christine, Dante, Dulce &*
*grandsons Christian, Justin & Alex.*
Please remember him in your prayers.

## Offer a Mass for a Loved One...

The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' Redemption. A Mass can be offered for a loved one who has died or a living person who has a special need, or who is ill or suffering. You can request a Mass in several ways: Call the Parish Office, email a request, or stop by the Office.
A stipend of $10 is suggested with your Mass Intention.

## Sanctuary Memorials





Consider lighting the Sanctuary Candle or Flowers in Memory of your loved one for a special date. Your loved one's name will appear in the bulletin during the week of the gift. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange: 203-838-3788, ext. 101.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION
### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas!

*The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."*
*- Lk 2:10-12*

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.*

## SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Local businesses and sponsors that advertise on bulletins need you now more than ever before. Please encourage and remind others to show their support during this time.

## St. Matthew Food Pantry

Our Drive-up Food Pantry serves over 90 families each week in the Norwalk Community, Wednesdays: 10am-11:30am
Items Needed:
Cereal; Dried Beans; Pasta Sauce; Tuna Fish; Rice; Snacks
Please drop all non-perishable items OUTSIDE the Great Room Doors or in the Vestibule. Thank you for your generosity!
Questions? Contact Beverly Martin: BeverlyDMartin@aol.com

## Knights of Columbus

Make a difference in our Parish & Community by putting your FAITH INTO ACTION. Join us TODAY! Please consider joining this wonderful council. Visit: www.KofC.org/JoinUs.
For info: Chris O'Connor: ChrisOConnor14@yahoo.com

## St. Matthew Fitness Group

Strength - Balance - Toning -Endurance-Flexibility - Fun - Relaxation! A unique and flowing fusion of traditional fitness elements, including Pilates mat work, Yoga and Tai Chi. Suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Classes are held twice a week in the Great Room on Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30pm. Please call Aggie Squeo: 203-852-1036.

## Catholic Daughters

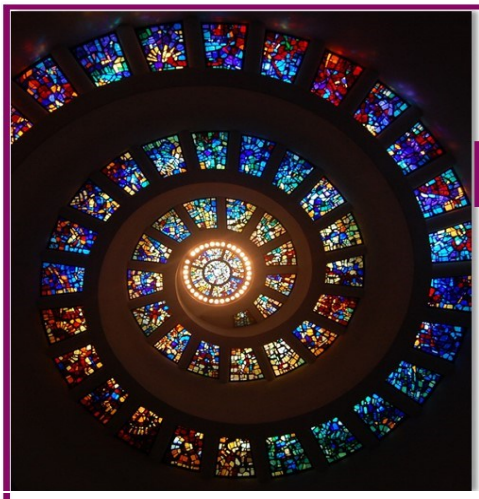
The Catholic Daughters meet monthly after the 10:30am Mass in the Mary and Joseph Room. ***New members are always welcome!*** Catholic Daughters of the Americas engage in creative and spiritual programs to positively influence the welfare of the church and all peoples throughout the world. Please contact Nancy Piro: Nap21861@aol.com.

## Walking with Purpose Women's Scripture Study

There's always a seat for you at St. Matthew Walking with Purpose. Walking with Purpose is a Women's Bible Study that will take you on a spiritual walk with our Lord. Walking with Purpose would like to help you enjoy a deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ, nurtured through personal Bible Study and small group discussions created just for women. For information, please contact Mallory Moyer: WwP.StMatthewNorwalk@gmail.com

## Pray the Rosary via Zoom

Sundays at 8pm: Join your Parish Family via cell phone or your computer's Zoom account. For the Zoom link to join on the night of the Rosary, click here: stmatthewnorwalk.org/parish-rosary-on-zoom/
QUESTIONS or difficulty connecting, please contact Patrick Kelley, Zoom Rosary Lead: PatWmKelley@gmail.com



# Women's Retreat

## THE CATHOLIC WOMAN THROUGH THE AGES!

Dr. Joan Kelly will explore women in the history of the church starting with the New Testament up through more contemporary times. We will ponder the women who remained faithful to Jesus at the foot of the Cross as well as women like Elizabeth Anne Seton and Katharine Drexel in more modern times. In our own country the vast network of Catholic Schools and Hospitals throughout the nation are a huge testament to the profound impact and role of women in the church through the ages.

## Saturday | January 28, 2023 | 12pm-4pm

Presented by: Dr. Joan Kelly, Professor of Catholic Studies, SHU
Hosted by: Catholic Daughters
Contact: Nancy Piro: nap21861@aol.com
Where: St. Matthew Great Room
Registration: $20/per person; Lunch will be served

**Catholic Daughters Women's Retreat Registration**

Name_____Phone: _____

Cash $ _____Check $_____Check #_____

**Mail payment/form to Catholic Daughters c/o St. Matthew Church, 216 Scribner Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06854 or drop form in Parish office in envelope marked Catholic Daughters.**

# Faith Formation

Janet Mitchell, Director of Religious Education
Liz Reid, Confirmation Director
StMattRelEd@gmail.com; 203-838-3788, ext. 107

*Dear Faith Formation Families,*
Wishing all of our Faith Formation Children and their Families a most Blessed Christmas Season. Let us remember always…Our Emmanuel has come! During all of our happy and sad moments, whatever we face, *we are never alone*. Through Christmas Love, Jesus is with us every day of our Lives, *as God's True and Perfect Gift.*
Merry Christmas!
Enjoy your time with your Families and Friends! May all your Christmas Dreams come true!
**Janet Mitchell, DRE**

*Confirmation & Pre-Confirmation Students,*
Wishing you and your families a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

*"Today in the town of David a Savior had been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord…"(*Luke 2:11)

As we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, may peace and love fill your lives and light fill your heart to share with the world.

Our next class is Sunday, January 8th, at Church. Please arrive at 3pm at the Great Room for attendance and announcements.

Seventh Grade Students: Please bring your *All About My Saint* reports that day, and your Sponsor Certificates as well. If your Sponsor attends St. Matthew Church, I only need their name and I can get the information. If your Sponsor attends another church, they must get a Sponsor Letter from their home Parish Office.

Wishing you all the blessings of the season.
**Liz Reid, Confirmation Director**

# YOUTH GROUP

Olivia Buisson, Youth Group Director; Phone: 203-838-3788, ext. 115
email: YouthCoordinator@StMatthewNorwalk.org
YG Instagram: StMatt_Youth

Youth Group will resume January 8th.
All Youth Group Meetings take place in the Great Room unless otherwise noted.
To view the 2023 Calendar, click here:

http://stmatthewnorwalk.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Youth-Group-Spring_Summer-Calendar_2023.pdf

# First Eucharist I Register NOW!

**First Reconciliation/First Eucharist 2023 Registration is Now Open for students who will be receiving in May, 2023. Register Online Now & Choose EITHER May 6 OR May 13.**
Online registration on website: CLICK HERE
Paper forms can be found on website: CLICK HERE
Please return paper registration form to Janet Mitchell or drop at the Parish Office. Questions? Contact: StMattRelEd@gmail.com

## Faith Formation Christmas Break

Faith Formation will be enjoying time off during a holiday break. Classes will resume January 8 with the Pre-K/K—First Grade and Grades 6-7 Confirmation Classes.

## LET'S STAY CONNECTED

Website: StMatthewNorwalk.org
Facebook: @StMatthewNorwalk
Instagram: StMatthewChurchNorwalk
YG Instagram: StMatt_Youth
Hope's IG: HopeMinistryDog
Twitter: StMatthewNorwLk
YouTube: StMatthewChurchNorwalk
Newsletter: Email us to receive our weekly newsletter.

# Christmas Flower Donations In Memory Of …

**Many thanks for your generosity! Please remember the following intentions in your prayers…**

Robert Lavigne
James Billick
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Edward DeStefanis, Sr.
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Elizabeth Gendron
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Zajac Family
Rynkowski Family
Peter Dunne
Elizabeth Dunne
Agnes Hannigan
Joan Auch
Ralph Bosch
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John Danelon
Maryellen Danelon
Richard Gervasio
Essenyi Family
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Joseph & Anne Bodner
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Jech Wicke
Dave Wade
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Latella Family
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Leah Hogan
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Anna & John Hyde
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Carmine Braccia
Rose Braccia Alicondro
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Margaret & Joseph Lutostanski
Pauline & Marjan Budesa
Florence & Vincent Landri
Victoria & Stanislaus Lutostanski
Anne & Artie Benderoth
Maria Elena Castillo
James Finch
Sara Finch
Agnes Siswick
Charles Magee
Angelo Calise
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John & Anna Rogers
Theodore & Mary Miserindino
Patrick & Lilian Rogers
Edward & Margaret Lindmark
Vincent & Julia Miserendino
Henry & Eugenia Kaleska
Arthur Steele
Tim & Kate Conlon

Kathleen & Ed Stefan
Marion & Art Benatrob
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Michael Tracy
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William Thomas, Jr.
Delores & John Keating
Augustine DeLeo
Sera DeLeo
Richard Larson
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Joseph & Theresa DeLallo
Elaine & Bruce Tourigny
Sollazzo Family
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Mr. & Mrs. G.E. Nilsson
Ernest & Violet Rafa
Peter & Leda Brousseau
Edward Delyonas

Marie & Vincent Moretti
Rosalie & Matthew Krny
Ann & Nicholas Mascitelli

## In Honor Of…

Rev. Juan Acosta
Uzwiak Family
Barosky Family
Moccia Family
B. Lametta & Family
D'Louhy Catalan
Carol Shaar
Vickie Shaar
Tricia Shaar
Paul Shaar
Angela Shaar-Maurer
Bubbico Family
Michael McLaughlin
Guarente Family

*More flower donation names will appear in the next bulletin.*

## 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
Assist in the overall cleanliness of the Church & Sanctuary. Contact Nan Gregg: StMattParish@hotmail.com

## 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 Mallory Moyer: Wwp.StMatthewNorwalk@gmail.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)
All4Hymn (HS & College)
Psalm (13-24yrs)
Adult (18yrs +)
Contact Val Wyman: 203-451-5959

## 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

# Pastoral Services

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

## 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

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

## Hospital Card Ministry
Members mail get-well wishes to parishioners who are hospitalized. Contact Maureen Moccia: MaurGene1@optonline.net

## Carnival Committee
The Carnival is an annual fundraiser held each summer. Members assist in set up, staffing and running the event. Contact JoAnn Miller: RMiller175@aol.com

## 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 Nancy Piro: nap21861@aol.com

## 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

## 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

## New Horizons
(for Parish Members 60yrs & 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 1pm—no reservations!

**Cards & Games**
1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 1pm.
Reservations, contact Claire Bartoli: Claire_Bartoli @yahoo.com or Karen Iaco: Karenlaco@aol.com
Bring your own game and snacks.

## 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 Michele Gallo: JLGallo@SBCglobal.net.

## Parish Mailing Group
Members assist in folding, stuffing, sealing envelopes for parish mailings.
Contact MaryJane Johnston or Barbara Sibiski: WJohnston7861@SBCglobal.net

## Parish Nurses
Promotes wellness and healing of parishioners through blood pressure screenings on the 2nd Weekend of each month.
Contact Nancy Mola: NancyMola@gmail.com

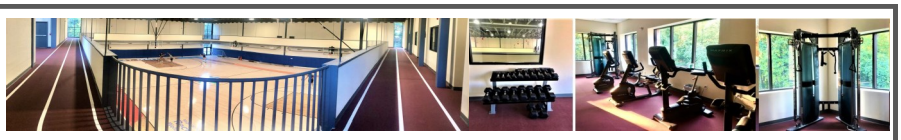
## Professional Consultations
Provides free, remote Professional Consultations in the areas of Finance and Immigration Assistance.
Contact Margaret Riobo: StMatthewConsultations@gmail.com

## 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 Christine Leddy: ChristineLeddy@gmail.com

## Street Evangelization
St. Paul Street Evangelization group brings the Word of God to the streets.
Contact Davide Bianchini: ThriceGift@gmail.com

# Msgr. Walter C. Orlowski Recreation Wellness Center



**GENERAL HOURS OF OPERATION unless otherwise noted***
**Track Level:** Mon-Sun 5:00am-9:00pm
**Court Level* for Open Gym:** Mon-Sun 5:00am-9:00pm*

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Saturdays: 9:00am – 3:00pm
***The upper level Track and Workout Room will remain open during these hours.***

Jay Egan, Executive Director;
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For operational use or programming inquiries:
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