



SAINT
MATTHEW
PARISH FAMILY

NEWS
January 21, 2024

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

All Are Welcome

Address: 216 Scribner Ave., Norwalk, CT 06854

Phone: 203-838-3788; **Fax:** 203-838-8195

Website: StMatthewNorwalk.org

Pastor: Fr. Frank T. Hoffmann

ext. 127; FrHoffmann@diobpt.org

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ext. 114; FrIgnacio1971@gmail.com

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Miguel Betancur Lenis

ext. 123; FrLenis@Diobpt.org

In Residence, Fr. Paul Sankar: 361-563-7400

Pastoral Assistant: Sr. Sally Norcross

ext. 118; SNorcross@StMatthewNorwalk.org

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ext. 101; email: StMattParish@hotmail.com

Business Manager: Steve Buckett

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Special Events/Rec Center Coordinator: Carol Cosgrove,

ext. 108, StMattRecCenter@gmail.com

Registration Forms: available on our website,

[click 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

First Tuesdays: 7:00pm - 8:00pm in Church

MASSES

Monday-Friday: 12:10pm in Church

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: 1:00-7:00pm in Church

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

ANOIDING

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: Lorraine.711@hotmail.com.

MARRIAGE

Lorraine DeRosa: Lorraine.711@hotmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Janet Mitchell, ext. 107; StMattRelEd@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION

Liz Reid, ext. 107; email: StMattRelEd@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRY

Val Wyman, ext. 109

YOUTH GROUP

Katrina Pesta, ext. 115

YouthCoordinator@StMatthewNorwalk.org

CONSULTATIONS:

Margaret Riobo: StMatthewConsultations@gmail.com

INTERCESSORY PRAYER:

Ramona Bouffard: StMatthewPrays@gmail.com

This Week at St. Matthew

**MON
22**

12:10pm Mass
6:30pm Fitness Group
7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

**TUES
23**

12:10pm Mass
1:30pm New Horizons Movies
6:30pm Walking with Purpose

**WED
24**

9:30am Food Pantry through 11:30am
12:10pm Mass
6:45pm KOC Degree Ceremony
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
8:00pm AA

**THURS
25**

12:10pm Mass
5:00pm Little Angels Choir
6:00pm Youth Choir
6:30pm Fitness Group
7:00pm Adult Choir

**FRI
26**

12:10pm Mass

**SAT
27**

9:00am Mass in Chapel
12:00pm Catholic Daughters Retreat
Knights of Columbus Bake Sale Weekend
3:00pm Confessions through 3:45pm
4:00pm Mass

**SUN
28**

7:30am Mass
9:00am Mass
10:00am Faith Formation Class
10:30am Mass
11:30am psalm Choir
12:00pm Mass
5:00pm Mass
6:00pm High School Youth Group

Cabaret Tickets sold after all Masses

January 20-21

The Fundraising Committee will be at the front doors of the Church selling Cabaret Tickets at all Masses this weekend. Stop by and reserve your tickets! Cabaret details on page 5.

Our Newly Baptized

St. Matthew warmly welcomes

Dennis Leopoldi, Santino Murolo, Stephen Foley

to our Parish Family.

Congratulations to their parents and loved ones!

Baby Not Yet Baptized?



Do you have or know someone with a new baby who needs to be Baptized? A Pre-Baptism Workshop is held by appointment, via Zoom with our Baptism Coordinator, Lorraine DeRosa. For an appointment, email: Lorraine.711@hotmail.com.

After you complete your one-time workshop, Lorraine will schedule a Baptism date. Baptisms take place Sundays at 1:00pm.

Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, January 22 at 7pm

There will be a meeting for the Finance Committee on Monday, Jan. 22 at 7pm.

Padre Pio Prayer Group Mass

Monday, January 29 at 6:30pm in the Chapel

All are welcome to join the Padre Pio Prayer Group on the last Monday of each month for 6:30pm Mass, Rosary and Adoration. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Ignacio: FrIgnacio1971@gmail.com; 203-838-3788, ext. 114.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!

Meeting with Fr. Frank: Saturday, Feb. 3 at 9am

There will be a mandatory meeting on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 9:00am in the Church, to discuss EMHC procedures. All EMs are expected to attend. If you are unable to attend, please contact JoAnn Esposito to let her know: JMStMatthew@gmail.com or call 203-858-2813.



School of Prayer Lent 2024 - ALL ARE WELCOME!

Fr. Frank Hoffmann will give a series of lectures on various aspects and kinds of Prayer this Lent.

Some of the topics include:

Distractions in Prayer, Marian Prayer, Praying in the Ignatian Tradition, Praying with Teresa of Avila.

School of Prayer will begin February 12 on Mondays OR Tuesdays for six weeks

A one-hour session will be offered
Monday evenings at 7 PM
beginning on Feb. 12, through Mar. 18
IN THE CHURCH.

The same program will be offered on
Tuesdays at 1 PM
beginning Feb. 13 through March 19
IN THE GREAT ROOM.

No registration needed. These sessions are open to all.

Blessing of Throats | Feb. 3-4



To commemorate the Feast of St. Blaise, the Blessing of Throats will take place
Sat, Feb. 3 at the 9:00am Mass
(Feast Day in Chapel),
and at all Weekend Masses
Saturday & Sunday: Feb. 3-4

"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The priest makes the sign of the cross over the recipient as the blessing is offered.

Women's Retreat

Spirituality of Women in the 21st Century



Saturday, Jan. 27

Time: 12pm-3pm

Presented by: Sr. Sally Norcross, CND

Hosted by: Catholic Daughters

Where: St. Matt Great Room

Registration: \$10/per person

Lunch will be served!

Check in: 12pm

Lunch: 12:30pm-1:30pm

Sr. Sally's Talk & Prayer Service: 1:30pm-2:30pm

Q&A: 2:30pm-3:00pm

Contact: Nancy Piro: Nap21861@aol.com

Women's Retreat Registration sponsored by the Catholic Daughters

Name _____

Phone: _____

Cash \$ _____ Check \$ _____ Check # _____

Please 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.

† Mass Intentions †



Monday, January 22

12:10 pm † Maria Bianca

Tuesday, January 23

12:10 pm † Living Intention, Magdalena McCally

Wednesday, January 24

12:10 pm † Joseph Rusinko

Thursday, January 25

12:10 pm † Sean Dennehy

Friday, January 26

12:10 pm † Albert Krawiecki

Saturday, January 27

9:00 am † Margaret Oringer

4:00 pm † Joan Matula

† Juana Rodriguez

† Mary DiScala

† Josephine Spero

† James McGinley

† Joseph M. DiDia

† Nancy & Dewey Raymond

Sunday, January 28

7:30 am † Smith & Krawiecki Families, Living & Deceased

9:00 am † Patty Santorella

10:30 am † Michael John Higgins

† Michael Virgilio, Sr.

† John Ricciardi

† Frank Longo

† Tuula Fabrizioo

† Living Intention, Cecilia Cook

12:00 pm † Anne B. Forcellina

5:00 pm † Robert & Helen DeStefanis

In Loving Memory



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

† **Reverend Charles H. Allen, S.J.**

† **Ernesto Cadavid**

† **Gloria Romeo**

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 Offertory totals were not available at the time of publication. They will be published in the next bulletin. Many thanks for your generosity in supporting St. Matthew Programs and Ministries. The Parish is only able to offer what we do with your support!

For your convenience, we offer two options for online giving:

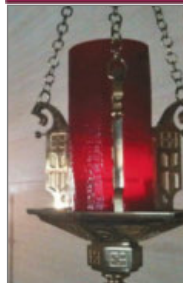
1. St Matthew Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor



2. Or Online giving to St. Matthew through PayPal



The Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle burns
in loving memory of
Jozef Sumara
offered by his daughter,
Aneta Juszdyk.
Please remember him
in your prayers.

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.



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

Worship & Meditation

REPENT means
*"Go beyond the mind
you have."*



We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: **"Repent!"** We tend to think it means **"stop doing bad things"** but it doesn't. It literally means **"go beyond the mind you have."** **Think in a new way.** It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir, LPI

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH PRESENTS



MARDI GRAS
Cabaret
FEATURING

**SAT
FEB
10
7PM**

**FR. FRANK HOFFMANN
VAL WYMAN
MARY BOZZUTI HIGGINS
LISA MORETTI**

**an entertaining night of
POP & BROADWAY TUNES!**

50/50 Raffle | BYO Food/drink
Doors open at 6:30pm
\$20/Adult | \$150 Table of 8

RESERVATIONS required - SCAN QR CODE
or visit website: StMatthewNorwalk.org
St. Matthew Church Great Room | 216 Scribner Ave. | Norwalk, CT



MARDI GRAS CABARET

Saturday | Feb. 10 | 7:00pm

Save the date for a night of entertainment as we celebrate Mardi Gras with a Cabaret featuring the musical talents of Fr. Frank, Val Wyman, Lisa Moretti, & Mary Bozzuti Higgins.

The night will feature pop and Broadway tunes and will take place on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 7pm in the Great Room.

Registration is both online or paper forms are available in the Vestibule and Parish Office. \$20 per ticket. You can also purchase a table of 8 for \$150, which is perfect for a group of friends or ministries. BYO food/beverages. Not only will this be a fun night out for adults, but it's also a fundraiser for St. Matthew. Don't miss out on what's sure to be a memorable night!

faith Formation

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

Sunday, January 21

Gr. 1-5: 9am Class Mass
10am Class

Gr. 6-7: 5pm Mass followed by Class 6pm-7:15pm

Sunday, January 28

Gr. 1-5: 10am Class

Friday, February 2

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 6-7pm

Sunday, February 4

PreK-Gr. 5: 10am Class

Gr. 7: 5pm Mass followed by Class from 6pm-7:15pm

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist



First Reconciliation/First Eucharist 2024 Registration is open for students who will be receiving in May, 2024.

Register Online now & please choose one of the following dates:
EITHER May 4 OR May 11.

Online registration on [website](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A49A4A82DA1FE3-47010405-january#/) or scan QR code->
Questions? Contact: StMattRelEd@gmail.com



New Members Welcome!

Choir rehearsals have resumed as we plan for Lent and the Easter season! Rehearsals take place on Thursdays in the Church at the following times:

- Little Angels: **5pm-5:45pm**
- Youth Choir: **6pm-6:45pm**
- Adult Choir: **7pm-8:15pm**

Questions? Please contact Val Wyman, Choir Director:
203-451-5959.

YOUTH GROUP

Katrina Pesta, Youth Ministry Coordinator
YouthCoordinator@StMatthewNorwalk.org
203-838-3788, ext. 115



Below is the list of our upcoming events. Please feel free to bring friends to any of our upcoming events. All they need is the release form on our website. As always it would be greatly appreciated if you RSVP on the sign up genius in my email or below so I can plan for supplies and food accordingly.

- Katrina Pesta, YG Coordinator

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A49A4A82DA1FE3-47010405-january#/>

January 20:

3rd - 5th Grade YG, 5PM-7PM in the Newman Center

January 28:

Middle & High School Youth Service Project 6PM-7:30PM in Great Room

February 2: First Friday Adoration with Confirmation

February 10: 3rd - 5th Grade YG, 5PM-7PM in the Newman Center

February 11: "Soup"er Bowl Can Collect after Masses

February 25: Holy Hoops in Rec Center, 1-2:30pm

Welcome All Saints Catholic School

This weekend we will welcome St. Matthew Parishioners who attend All Saints Catholic School. The students will be speaking about their experience at ASCS at our Masses, in anticipation of National Catholic Schools Week, which begins January 28.

All Saints Catholic School : 139 West Rocks Rd, Norwalk, CT 06851

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?



"You can feel the difference the minute you step through the doors of All Saints. We made the switch last year and haven't looked back."



JANUARY 28



12:00-2:00

Enrolling now for 24-25
Pre-K to 8th Grade



Register here



139 West Rocks Road Norwalk
allsaints.norwalk.com

VACATION BIBLE CAMP at ST. MATTHEW!!

Join us
for the
**BEST WEEK
OF THE
YEAR!**

JUNE 24 – 28

SCUBA
DIVE! DIVE! DIVE!

for youth
**Pre-K
through
Gr. 5**

SAVE THE DATE!
for a week-long deep dive into
FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD!

Knights of Columbus RETREAT with Fr. Miguel...

From George Ribellino: St. Matthew Knights of Columbus recently sponsored a Men's Retreat to prepare for the Lenten season. The retreat was led by Father Miguel, who spoke about the importance of prayer and how to lead a prayerful life. Father Miguel spoke on Lectio Divina.

Lectio Divina means "divine reading" in Latin. It's a meditative way of reading the Bible in which we let go of our own agendas and open ourselves to what God is trying to say to us. Prepare for Lent by answering simple questions to deepen our understanding of what our Lord is telling us through Scripture. What does it say? What does he say to me? What is he asking me to do? How am I going to act about it?

The group started the day by praying the rosary and Father Miguel led a very prayerful Stations of the Cross. The day ended with a delicious lunch prepared by Brother Knight Jetmir Daka, owner of Leonardo's Pizza in Norwalk. I want to thank Father Miguel and my committee GK Chris O'Connor, Ron Koroscil, Greg Ferine, and Rocky Mancuso for helping make this a special day for the more than fifty attendees.



Knights of Columbus BAKE SALE | Jan. 27-28



The St. Matthew Knights of Columbus will be having a bake sale after Masses on Saturday-Sunday, January 27-28. The Knights and their families will be busy baking, but we would also welcome some help from any bakers in our wonderful Parish Family! If you're able to donate baked goods, please email: StMatthewKnights@gmail.com to let us know what you will be making!

Drop off baked goods to the Conference Room across from the Parish Office on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

All proceeds will go to the many charities and groups that need help in our community! Questions? Please contact George Ribellino: 203-856-7101; or Chris O'Connor at 203-722-3561. Thank you in advance for your support- we greatly appreciate it!



St. Matthew Outreach Programs

Weekly Food Pantry
serving families in need

Hospitality and Counseling Support
to the Bereaved

Free Professional Consultations
in Financial Counseling
and Immigration Counseling

Hospital & Homebound Visitation Ministry
offering daily spiritual support

Open Door Shelter Ministry
serving Manna House

Knights of Columbus
offering Parish & Community Outreach

Catholic Daughters
offering outreach to the Parish & Community

Bi-weekly Fitness Group

Blood Pressure Screenings
bimonthly by Parish Nurses

Family Formation Seminars
on Social Justice Teachings & Teen Life

Giving Tree
to local organizations and parishes in-need

St. Matthew Prayer Network
parishioners who commit themselves to offering
prayer for those in need

For information about programs, please contact
the Parish Office: 203-838-3788, ext. 101.



Movies: every Tuesday at 1:30pm in the Newman Center. No reservations needed.

Cards & Games: Feb. 7 & 21 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 1pm in the Mary & Joseph Room (unless otherwise noted in the bulletin calendar on p. 2). Reservations are required. Please contact Claire Bartoli: Claire_Bartoli@yahoo.com.

WWP Reclaiming Friendship

Winter Scripture Study for Women
Tuesdays | 6:30PM-8:00PM
10 Week-Study began JANUARY 9

God's plans for deep connections

Walking with Purpose is a Women's Scripture Study.
All women are invited. Please contact Amy Esparza:
Wwp.StMatthewNorwalk@gmail.com.

St. Matthew Professional Consultations

St. Matthew Church is pleased to offer free consultations to all in the following specialty areas. To schedule an appointment, please contact Margaret Riobo: StMatthewConsultations@gmail.com or call: 203-846-6685.

Financial Consultation: Ron Koroscil, MBA

Ron Koroscil is available to help anyone who would like to get advise on "How to live within one's means." Ron specializes in budgeting and keeping on target.

Immigration Consultation Attorney: Anthony Febles, JD

Anthony Febles is available to consult with anyone who would like to speak with a lawyer about immigration issues.

Food Pantry - Items Needed!

Our Food Pantry feeds families in need
every Wednesday from 9:30am-11:30am.

Donations may be dropped off in the vestibule,
outside the Great Room doors, or at the Parish Office.

Can you help with an item or two?

**Peanut Butter, Pasta Sauce, Tuna
Toilet Paper, Liquid Dish Soap**

St. Matthew Fitness Group Winter Session

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 Mondays & Thursdays at 6:30pm in the Great Room.

To register, please contact Aggie Squeo: 203-852-1036.

Protecting God's Children | VIRTUS

The Diocese of Bridgeport requires all Parish volunteers 18 years of age and over to have VIRTUS Certification.

Please click here to

register: www.virtusonline.org/virtus/

- Click "Registration," Create a username and password.
- Select "Diocese of Bridgeport" when registering for Online Training

For assistance or questions, please contact Mare Yannetti,
St. Matthew Safe Environment Coordinator:
StMattParish@hotmail.com; or call 203-838-3788, ext. 101.

Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 3+

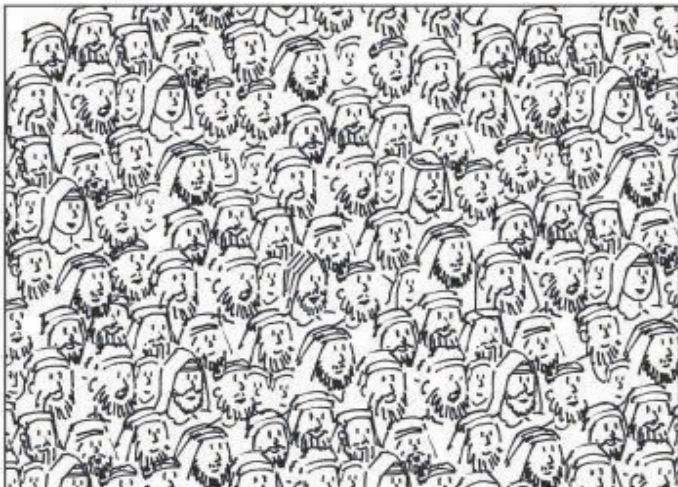
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The Calling of the 1st Disciples

Jesus came to Galilee telling about God.

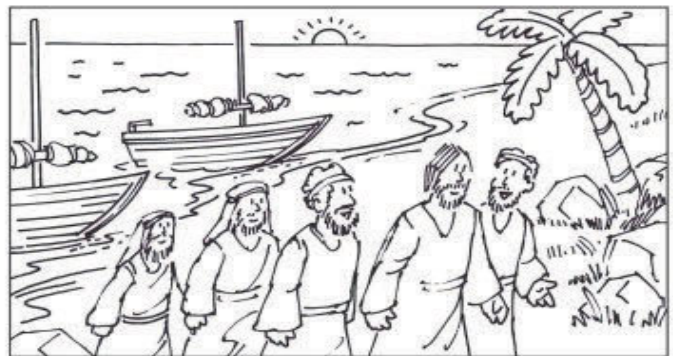


Find and circle Jesus in the crowd.

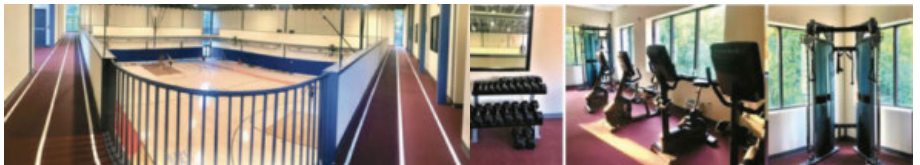


At once, they all left their boats and followed Jesus.

Circle 6 differences in the bottom picture.



Msgr. Walter C. Orlowski
**Recreation
Wellness Center**



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

FACILITY HOURS

- **Monday-Friday: 7:00am-9:00pm***
- **Saturday: 7:00am – 7:00pm***
- **Sunday: 7:00am – 9:00pm***

***The Lower Level (Court level) is closed to the public:**

Monday-Fridays: 4:00pm-9:00pm

Saturdays: 7:00am-4:00pm

Sundays: 5:00pm-9:00pm

The Rec Center's Calendar is on our website, StMatthewNorwalk.org.

ENTRY TO THE REC CENTER

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

FEE FOR FOBS: \$25

Please help us protect this facility by not giving access to anyone who does not possess a key FOB, or even if their FOB is "not working."



Coming soon! Spring Pickleball

All are welcome
to join our
Parish Groups &
Ministries
at St. Matthew!

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: Karenciaco@aol.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 Amy Esparza: 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)
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

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.

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

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 1:30pm—no reservations!

Cards & Games

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 1pm
unless otherwise noted
Reservations, contact Claire Bartoli: Claire_Bartoli@yahoo.com or
Karen Iaco: Karenciaco@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 Theresa Figueiras: Trenard@optonline.net

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

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

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For access, please contact: Chapel@StMatthewNorwalk.org



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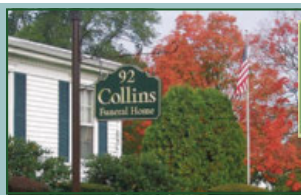
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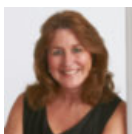


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