

SAINT
MATTHEW
PARISH FAMILY

April 28, 2024
NEWS
StMatthewNorwalk.org

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

REMAIN IN ME.

———— John 15:4 ————

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

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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 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: 1:00-7:00pm 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: Chapel@StMatthewNorwalk.org

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: Lorraine.711@hotmail.com.

MARRIAGE

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CONSULTATIONS:

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This Week at St. Matthew

MON

12:10pm Mass in the Chapel
6:30pm Padre Pio Group Mass in the Chapel
6:30pm Fitness

TUES
30

12:10pm Mass in the Chapel
1:30pm New Horizons Movie
2:30pm Bereavement Ministry
6:00pm First Communion Review Class

WED
01

9:30am Curbside Food Pantry through 11:30am
12:10pm Mass in the Chapel
1:00pm New Horizons Cards & Games
5:30pm First Communion Rehearsal (May 4 Group)
8:00pm AA

THURS
02

12:10pm Mass in the Chapel
1:00pm Staff Meeting
6:00pm Youth Choir
6:30pm Fitness Group
7:00pm Adult Choir

FRI
03

12:10pm Mass in Chapel, followed by Adoration through 7pm

SAT
04

9:00am Mass in the Chapel
11:00am First Communion
3:00pm Confessions through 3:45pm
4:00pm Vigil Mass with Blood Pressure Screening

SUN
05

Blood Pressure Screenings after all Masses except 5pm
7:30am Mass
9:00am Mass (Faith Formation)
10:00am Faith Formation Last Class, Coffee And in Great Rm
10:30am Mass
11:30am Catholic Daughters Meeting
11:30am psalm Choir
12:00pm Mass
1:00pm MS & HS Youth Group Service Project
4:00pm Gr. 6 at All Saints Catholic School
5:00pm Mass
6:00pm Gr. 7 Confirmation Class

Padre Pio Prayer Group Mass

Monday, April 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.

First Friday & First Tuesday

First Friday, May 3: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration will begin after the 12:10pm Mass in the Chapel through 7pm.

First Tuesday, May 7: Confession

Confessions will take place from 7pm-8pm in the Church.

Our Newly Baptized

St. Matthew warmly welcomes

Sophie Heasman & Elora Angeles

to our Parish Family.

Congratulations to their parents and loved ones!

Pre-Baptism Workshops & Baptisms

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:

Lorraine.711@hotmail.com to schedule a Zoom workshop.

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

Rosary Sign up Weekend



May is the month of Our Blessed Mother.

Praying the Rosary brings us closer to Jesus, through Mary, His mother.

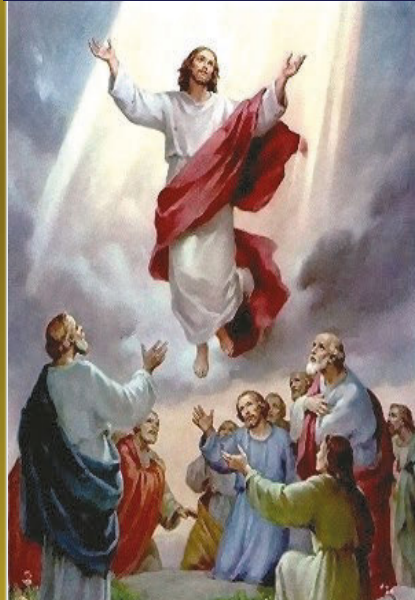
This Weekend: We will be signing up to commit to pray the Rosary in our homes for one day in May. We pray the Rosary for our families, and each other.

Every Sunday: Pray the Rosary with your Parish Family at 8pm via Zoom. Join by video or phone. The link is on the main page of our website. If you have any questions or difficulty, please contact Patrick Kelley: PatWmKelley@gmail.com

First Weekend of each month: The Rosary is prayed one-half hour prior to all Masses (first weekend of every month). The Rosary will end ten minutes prior to the Mass, ensuring silent time for private prayer.

Monday, May 13: Feast of Our Lady of Fatima: 6:30pm Mass in Our Lady of the Visitation Chapel.

The Ascension of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation



Holy Day Masses

**8:00 am
12:10 pm
7:00 pm**

Masses will be held in the Church.

Thursday, May 9 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The 40th day of Easter commemorates the Ascension of the Lord, where Jesus ascended bodily into Heaven in the presence of His apostles.

**We will offer three Masses:
8am, 12:10pm, 7pm.**

Baked Goods Needed for First Communion!



CALLING ALL ST. MATTHEW PARISHIONERS!

Over 60 of our Parish Youth will be receiving their First Communion on May 4 & May 11 followed by Receptions in the Great Room.

Can you donate Baked Goods?

Store-bought or Home-made gratefully appreciated!

Please drop off baked goods for the May 4 Reception:

Friday, May 3 by 1pm at the Parish Office

OR

Saturday, May 4 between 8am-10am in the Great Room!

Pastoral Council Budgets & Calendars Due

This is a reminder! All Ministry and Organization Budgets & Meeting Calendars for 2024-2025 are **due by May 6.**

Send Budgets to Steve Buckett: SBuckett@StMatthewNorwalk.org.
Send Calendars to Carol Cosgrove: StMattRecCenter@gmail.com.

May Crowning of Mary for All Youth



Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day at the 9:00am Mass

To All Youth of the Parish...

As we celebrate Mother's Day on May 12, what could be more special than honoring both your earthly mother and our heavenly mother, Mary? This is a beautiful opportunity for our youth to come together in reverence and love, paying homage to the one who watches over us from above. Let's make this a memorable and meaningful day for all.

We extend a heartfelt invitation to youth of all ages to participate in the upcoming May Crowning of the Blessed Mother on Sunday, May 12 during the 9am Mass.

- We will have a flower for each child to present to the statue of the Blessed Mother in a procession at the beginning of the Mass.
- Please meet Janet Mitchell, DRE, in the Vestibule of the Church at 8:45am. She will line the children up and give them each a flower to present to the Blessed Mother!
- If your child has recently received their First Communion, we encourage them to wear their First Communion dresses and

† Mass Intentions †



Monday, April 29

12:10 pm † Living Intention, Joseph Hong Ting

Tuesday, April 30

12:10 pm † Ann DeSantis

Wednesday, May 1

12:10 pm † Marion Provenzano

Thursday, May 2

12:10 pm † Anna Louise Lane

Friday, May 3

12:10 pm † Living Intention, Carmen Alba

Saturday, May 4

9:00 am † Joe O'Keefe

4:00 pm † Lisa Guarente

† Carol Blore

† In Thanksgiving

† John & Shirley Mola

† Elida E. & Ivan A. Calderon

† Ector R. Aquino

Sunday, May 5

7:30 am † Parishioners of St. Matthew

9:00 am † Felicja Kan

10:30 am † Donald Zezima

† Maria Anna Cammaratta

† Maureen Lamb

† Rocio Smyth & Anne Smyth

† Isabelle Cabrera

† Living Intention, Mary Scott Grimaldi

12:00 pm † Edward Miller, Sr.

5:00 pm † Lorraine Mecca

In Loving Memory



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

† Erin Austin † Milton Bruce Whittemore

† Hector Vasquez † James Sullivan

† Aprilann Bell-Soto † Deacon Joseph H. Gagne

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

April 15—21, 2024 Offertory

Offertory	\$10,416.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,945.50
Paypal	\$ 210.00
Total Regular Collection:	\$ 14,571.50
Offertory, same week in 2023	\$ 16,280.50
Offertory, same week in 2022	\$ 20,915.50
Votive Candles	\$ 470.00

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
\$142,180
92 % of Goal

St. Matthew Goal
\$154,000
328 Donors

ALMOST THERE!!!! Thank you for your support!

We are hopeful that 100% of our registered households will respond to the 2024 Bishop's Appeal. While the level of sacrifice will differ from parishioner to parishioner, an Appeal gift this year is within the reach of the majority of our people. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift as your means allow. Your support is much needed and will be greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your support of the Appeal.

Ways to Give:

* Give online: 2024BishopsAppeal.org or
Call 203-416-1470

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

* Send by mail to D.O.B.

P.O. Box 110410
Trumbull, CT 06611-0410



2025 Mass Book Open

The 2025 Mass Book is open to schedule Mass Intentions, and memorialize the Sanctuary Candle or Altar Flowers. Masses and Memorials 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. Please note: Masses are limited to FIVE Masses per person to give everyone a chance!

Mass stipends: \$10.00
Sanctuary Candle for one week: \$25.00
Sanctuary Flowers for the week: \$200.00

Weekly Prayer

Worship & Meditation

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him. (Acts 9:27)

Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

Gospel:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

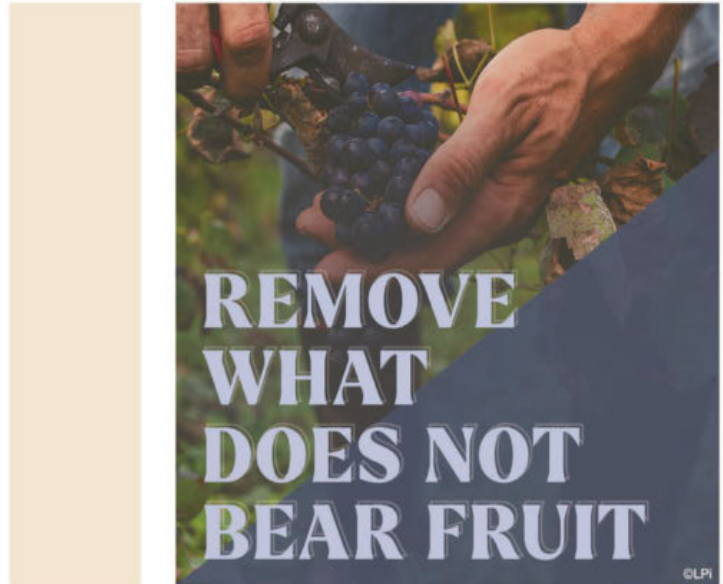
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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.

Observances for the week of April 28, 2024

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
- Monday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- Wednesday:** St. Joseph the Worker
- Thursday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; National Day of Prayer
- Friday:** Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "**He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit**" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— *Father John Muir*



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 and Sunday : 7:00am - 7:00pm
The Lower Level (court level) is CLOSED to the PUBLIC:
Mondays : 5:30pm - 9:00pm
Wednesdays: 5:00pm - 9:00pm
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 3:00pm - 9:00pm
Saturdays: 7:00am—12:00noon

Please help us protect this facility by not giving access to anyone who does not possess a key FOB.

Daily Masses Celebrated in the Chapel



All Daily Masses are now celebrated in Our Lady of the Visitation Chapel.

Monday—Friday: 12:10pm
First Friday Adoration: 1pm - 7pm
Saturday: 9:00am
Last Monday of month: Padre Pio Mass, 6:30pm

Food Pantry Needs

Each week our Food Pantry serves over 80 families in need. Prayerfully consider donating a couple of needed items:

- JARS OF PASTA SAUCE | MAC & CHEESE**
COFFEE | DRIED BLACK BEANS
DETERGENT | FACE SOAP

You can leave your donations in the Church Vestibule, at the Parish Office, or outside the Great Room doors. Thank you for your generosity in helping our community!

Catholic Daughters

Sunday, May 5

The Catholic Daughters Court 2640 will meet next Sunday after the 10:30am Mass. If you are interested in becoming a member and have questions in regard to the Catholic Daughters' mission, please contact Nancy Piro: nap21861@aol.com or join us at this meeting.

Parish Nurses Blood Pressure Screenings



Next weekend after all Masses except the 5pm.

Interested in Parish Nursing?
Please contact Nancy Mola:
NancyMola@gmail.com

New Horizons Senior Group

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

Cards & Games: 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.

New Horizons May Luncheon

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Renew your Spiritual Life with 12:10pm Mass, Luncheon to follow.

Menu:

- Chicken Piccata, Rice, String Beans
Tossed Salad, Dessert,
Coffee, Tea, Soft drinks

MEMBERS \$14 | GUEST FEE \$17

Please remember food items for the Parish Food Pantry.
Deadline date: Monday, May 6 by 11:00 am.
Call Joe Tremonte with any questions 203-846-2783

NEW HORIZONS MAY 9 LUNCHEON FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Members # _____ Guest # _____
Ck # _____ Check Amt _____ Cash _____

RETURN FORM BY MONDAY, MAY 6
Make checks payable to St. Matthew Church.

WEEKLY BINGO NIGHT
ST. MATTHEW CHURCH
 Get ready to shout "BINGO!" and win some amazing prizes at this fun-filled event!

WEDNESDAYS
 DOORS OPEN 5:30PM
 FOOD, SNACKS,
 SOFT DRINKS

BEGINNING MAY 29
 GAMES START 6:45PM

Calling all Bingo Players!!!

Weekly Bingo is coming to St. Matthew! Get ready to shout "BINGO" and win at this fun-filled weekly event beginning Wednesday, May 29!

Volunteers needed!

If you are able to help, please email Frank Billowitz: email frankjb13@gmail.com Volunteers will be scheduled on a rotating basis. Great fundraiser for our church!

Celebrating Msgr. Sabia!

SAVE THE DATE!

MSGR. JOHN SABIA
 60th Ordination Anniversary
 90th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, May 18 | 4pm Mass
 Reception to follow

Join us as we celebrate the remarkable milestones of Msgr. John Sabia - his 90th Birthday and 60th Ordination Anniversary. The celebration will take place on Saturday, May 18th, starting at 4pm with a Mass, followed by a Reception in the Great Room. We extend a warm invitation to all to join us in honoring this momentous occasion for Msgr., a beloved member of our Parish Family for the last ten years.

In lieu of gifts, Msgr. Sabia humbly requests donations to the St. Matthew Food Pantry. Let us come together to commemorate and express our gratitude for the life and ministry of Msgr. John Sabia, as a tribute to his unwavering faith, service, dedication and compassion for six decades.

CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING
THURSDAY MAY 9 5:30PM
 MARY & JOSEPH ROOM

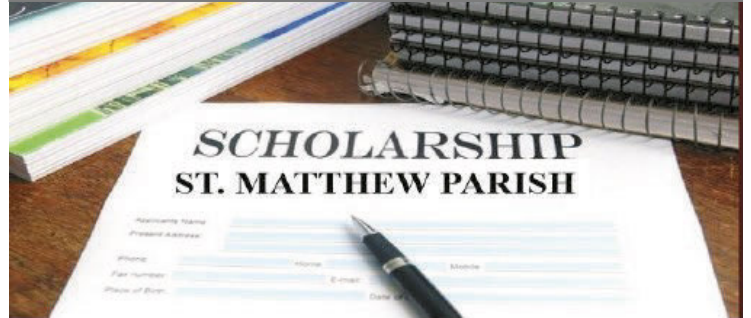
Come join us as we plan our 2024 Christmas Fair!

St. Matthew Christmas Fair
 December 7-8 in the Great Room

FOR MORE INFO,
 CONTACT DEEANN DORRICO,
 203-524-5157 OR DDORRICO11@AOL.COM.

Coming soon, the Saint Matthew Christmas Fair, Dec. 7 & 8! There will be an organizational meeting on **Thursday, May 9 at 5:30 PM in the Mary and Joseph Room**. If you want to get involved, we are looking for people to help make this a success! For more info, contact DeeAnn Dorrico, 203-524-5157; ddorrico11@aol.com.

2024 St. Matthew Youth Scholarships



HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Our 2024 St. Matthew Scholarships are open to all St. Matthew Youth Parishioners who are attending a Catholic High School or any College. Apply Now Online. Applications due by Wednesday, May 15.

- All information on the Scholarship Form must be complete in order to qualify!
- This is a Catholic Scholarship.
- Youth must be active participants in Parish Life at St. Matthew Church (i.e. Mass Minister, Volunteer, etc.) and must be able to provide evidence from your school that you are doing the same.
 - Youth must attend Mass weekly.
 - Application, Photo, Transcript & One-Page Essay **due WEDNESDAY, MAY 15.** **NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE (no exceptions).**

Scan QR code to apply -->



DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

What's **NEW** in **LEAD**

We are pleased to announce that the following new opportunities are now or will soon be available in LEAD, our diocesan learning platform. We hope that these offerings save your parish money and enhance the formation you offer.

NEW CHANNEL

Catholic Brain

These great resources are primarily for younger grades. In lieu of your parish subscription, faith formation leaders and parents can access:



Sunday Mass Packets



Saints of the Day



Daily Bible Videos



Catholic Bible Storybook



Adventure Catechism

NEW CHANNEL

Modern Parables

Uncover a deep well of inspiration to energize your ministry through these engaging talks. They cover a wide range of topics, from compassion to leadership, and are presented by leading experts in their fields. Dive into enlightening discussions that provide invaluable insights and practical wisdom, empowering you to navigate the complexities of ministry with confidence and grace.



NEW CHANNEL

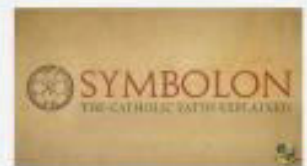
Face of Prayer

More than three hundred youth, young adults, and adult faithful have asked questions on a wide range of topics. Get the answers here. Use the tags or list of authors (categories) to find the answers to the questions you've always wanted to ask about the Catholic faith.



NEW FORMATION | From the Augustine Institute

The Institute for Catholic Formation has entered into an agreement to give you great series from Formed.org directly in LEAD:



The Institute for Catholic Formation
Diocese of Bridgeport



Scan to learn more →

or visit: www.FormationReimagined.org/lead/

faith Formation

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

Gr. 1-5 Faith Formation

Sunday, April 28: Gr. 1-5 Class at 10am
Sunday, May 5: Faith Formation 9am Mass followed by Last Class & Coffee And
Sunday, May 12: 9am Mass, Crowning of Our Blessed Mother

Gr. 6-7 Confirmation

Sunday, April 28: Gr. 6-7, 5pm Mass, followed by Class from 6-7pm.
Sunday, May 5: Gr. 6 at All Saints Catholic School, 4pm
Sunday, May 5: Gr. 7 Confirmation Class, 6pm
Sunday, May 19: Gr. 6-7, Last Class at 6pm

First Eucharist Rehearsals



REHEARSAL DATES

Wednesday, May 1 at 5:30pm in the Church for those receiving First Communion at May 4th Mass.
Wednesday, May 8 at 5:30pm in the Church for those receiving First Communion at May 11th Mass.

Please keep our Parish youth in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament.

YOUTH GROUP

Katrina Pesta, Youth Ministry Coordinator
YouthCoordinator@StMatthewNorwalk.org 203-838-3788, ext. 115
April 27: 3rd-5th Grade Youth Group 5:00 PM-7:00 PM
May 5: Books for Joy Book Drive Service Project 1 PM-2 PM in the Great Room
May 5: ASCS 6th Grade Regional Youth Ministry

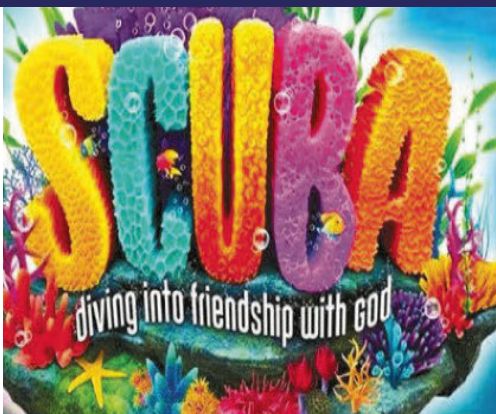
SPRING BOOK DRIVE
SHARE YOUR BOOK JOY!

We are rehoming good quality, gently used children's books to Norwalk children.

Books will be collected after all Masses on Sunday, May 5th.

Thank You!

Vacation Bible Camp— Register by June 14 for discounted fees



Pre-K* through Grade 5
Scuba: Diving into friendship with God

Camp Week: June 24-28
9am-12:30pm

Opening Mass: June 23 at 9am

- 1) Registration is on a first-come, first-serve—space is limited.
- 2) *Prek-K children must have attended a pre-school program and be potty-trained.
- 3) Fees automatically increase if you register after June 14.
- 4) Adult Volunteers are guaranteed placement for their children!

Early Bird Fee up until June 14

1 child.....	\$75
2 children.....	\$120
3 children.....	\$155
4+ children.....	\$190

Scan to Register...




ADULT VOLUNTEER MEETING
Vacation Bible Camp
Thursday, May 9 | 6:30pm

NEW & RETURNING BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED!
The theme changes each year but the FUN remains the same!
COME JOIN US Thursday, May 9 at 6:30pm in the Conference Room.

Questions? Contact Clare or Janet:
SaintMattBibleCamp@gmail.com

Scan to Volunteer...



Eucharistic Procession to stop at St. Matthew Church



Bishop Caggiano has spent much of the last year laying the groundwork for Diocesan renewal by calling all of us to focus on “The One,” the single invitation to all believers to grow closer to Christ and to be accompanied on their faith journey through truth, beauty and goodness.

At the center and the summit of our Catholic faith is the Eucharist: Jesus, truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity under the appearances of bread and wine.

As part of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, all are invited to join in our 2024 Eucharistic Procession in the Diocese of Bridgeport. It will be a 15-day event including multiple processions, special Masses, daily and overnight adoration, Eucharistic Stations, guest homilists and special events.

DAY 3 - TUESDAY, MAY 21

Norwalk, Darien, Stamford

8 AM	Mass at St. Matthew, Norwalk
9 AM	Procession from St. Matthew to St. John Cemetery, Norwalk
9:30 AM	Eucharistic Station and Rosary Procession at St. John Cemetery
11 AM	Procession from St. John Cemetery to St. Matthew
12 PM	Holy Hour, Adoration and Campus Procession at St. Thomas More, Darien
2:30 PM	Holy Hour and Adoration at St. Mary, Stamford
4:30 PM	Holy Hour and Adoration at the Basilica of St. John the Evangelist, Stamford
5:30 PM	Campus Procession at the Basilica of St. John the Evangelist
7 PM	Stational Chapel at St. Gabriel, Stamford
7:30 PM	Procession from St. Gabriel to St. Cecilia, Stamford
8 PM	Holy Hour and Adoration at St. Cecilia <i>Scripture, homily, Litany of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction</i>

All-night Adoration will begin at St. Cecilia at 9:30 pm

The Procession will make a stop at St. Matthew Church Tuesday, May 21 for 8:00am Mass with Bishop Caggiano as Celebrant, followed by a 9:00am procession from St. Matthew to St. John Cemetery, and Rosary procession.

All are invited to attend the Mass and Procession.

If you are unable to walk to St. John Cemetery, you can drive over and take part.

The Diocesan Eucharistic Processions will culminate in a Mass of Thanksgiving at Fairfield University on the Eve of Corpus Christi, Saturday, June 1, 2024.

The upcoming Eucharistic Procession throughout the Diocese is an historic invitation to celebrate the gift of the Eucharist in our lives. It will be a time of celebration, communal witness, spiritual renewal, and encounter with the Lord.

Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 3+

April 28, 2024 • John 15:1-8

The Vine and the Branches

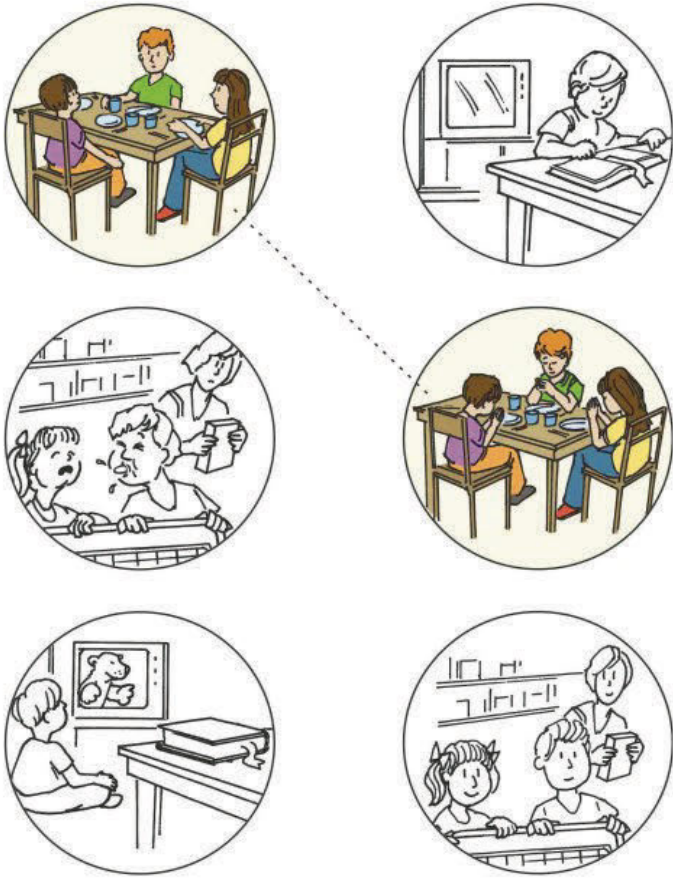
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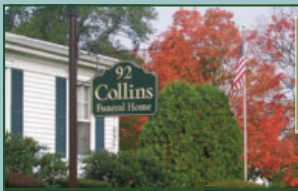
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