

SAINT  
MATTHEW  
PARISH FAMILY

Pentecost Sunday  
NEWS  
May 19, 2024

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Jn 20:21



**2024 National Eucharistic Procession**

**The Blessed Sacrament arrives  
at St. Matthew Church  
Tuesday, May 21**

**see page 3 for details**

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

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# All Are Welcome

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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](mailto: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](mailto:Lorraine.711@hotmail.com).

## MARRIAGE

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Ramona Bouffard: [StMatthewPrays@gmail.com](mailto:StMatthewPrays@gmail.com)

## This Week at St. Matthew

<b>MON 20</b>	12:10pm Mass 6:30pm Fitness Group
<b>TUES 21</b>	8:00am Eucharistic Revival Mass, Bishop Caggiano 9:00am Eucharistic Procession to St. John Cemetery 12:10pm Mass 1:30pm New Horizons Movie 2:30pm Bereavement Ministry
<b>WED 22</b>	9:30am Curbside Food Pantry through 11:30am 12:10pm Mass 6:30pm Bingo Volunteer Meeting 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting 8:00pm AA
<b>THURS 23</b>	12:10pm Mass 6:30pm Fitness Group
<b>FRI 24</b>	12:10pm Mass
<b>SAT 25</b>	9:00am Mass in the Chapel 3:00pm Confessions through 3:45pm 4:00pm Vigil Mass
<b>SUN 26</b>	7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass 12:00pm Mass 5:00pm Mass

## Congratulations, Msgr. Sabia!



### 4:00pm Celebration Mass this Weekend Reception to follow in Great Room

In gratitude to God for the gift of his 60 years of priesthood and his 90th Birthday, we honor Msgr. John Sabia on Saturday, May 18 at the 4pm Mass.

Msgr. Sabia was ordained a priest on May 16, 1964 in St. Augustine Cathedral and was the Pastor of St. Jude Parish in Monroe for 36 years. He has been part of the St. Matthew Parish Family since his retirement, for the last 10 years.

A gentle, kind and humble man, Msgr. Sabia has given significantly to us here at St. Matthew. We thank him, we love him, we always remember him in our prayers. Join us in thanking him for his selfless, fruitful ministry in Christ.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Lorraine.711@hotmail.com)



# Come Holy Spirit

This weekend we celebrate the birthday of our Church! After 50 days, our Easter Season concludes. Pentecost Sunday recalls the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the Apostles and the beginning of the Church, the birthday of the Church. This feast is our reminder that Jesus' promise to be with us until the end of time is irrevocable. He is with the Church in 2024 as much as he was 2,000 years ago. The Holy Spirit is working in Church today as the Spirit did on that first Pentecost Sunday. Every one of us has been given special gifts from the Holy Spirit, who is our Advocate and Guide.

Take a look at the list of St. Matthew Ministries and Organizations on page 10 and prayerfully consider a way you might share your God-given talents. The Catechism of the Catholic Church sees Pentecost as the principal Scriptural foundation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Today, join us as we pray in a special way for all those who are being Confirmed at today's 12:00pm Mass:  
Elizabeth Makszin | Elizabeth Ramos | Jessica Ramos Peralta | Michael Hailey**

**We also pray for our St. Matthew Youth Confirmandi who will receive the Sacrament on Friday, June 7th.**



## TUESDAY, MAY 21 EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION



- 8 AM** ARRIVAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH MASS AT ST. MATTHEW, BISHOP CAGGIANO, CELEBRANT
- 9 AM** PROCESSION FROM CHURCH TO ST. JOHN CEMETERY, RICHARDS AVENUE
- 9:30 AM** EUCCHARISTIC STATION & ROSARY PROCESSION AT ST. JOHN CEMETERY
- 11 AM** PROCESSION FROM CEMETERY TO ST. MATTHEW

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, the Blessed Sacrament will arrive in Bridgeport from the Archdiocese of Hartford, as part of the country-wide Eucharistic Congress Walk.

As the Procession proceeds through 8 towns and 19 Parishes, **The Blessed Sacrament will arrive at St. Matthew Parish Tuesday, May 21 for 8am Mass with Bishop Frank J. Caggiano as Celebrant. Following the Mass, there will be a 9am Eucharistic Procession to St. John Cemetery, with 9:30am Rosary Procession through the Cemetery. If you are unable to walk to St. John Cemetery, you can drive over to take part.**

*One of the highlights of the Eucharistic Procession is seeing the Resurrected Christ carried through St. John Cemetery on Richards Avenue in Norwalk. "We who believe in the resurrection will have the actual Body of Christ being carried through the cemetery, among the graves where those who lay in rest will come back and rise again... We will be united in prayer, saying the rosary to the Blessed Mother," said Fr. Luke Suarez, who helped Bishop Caggiano coordinate the Procession Planning.*

## † Mass Intentions †



### Monday, May 20

12:10 pm † Douglas & Jeanette McCallum

### Tuesday, May 21

8:00 am † National Eucharistic Revival Mass

12:10 pm † Charles Dreyer

### Wednesday, May 22

12:10 pm † Mike Peluso & Gemma Peluso

### Thursday, May 23

12:10 pm † Gerardina Romano & Felice Romano

### Friday, May 24

12:10 pm † Living Intention, McKenley Beauchette

### Saturday, May 25

9:00 am † Rosemarie Murphy

4:00 pm † Lisa Guarente

† Marta Eugenia Umana

† Anthony Cianci

† Antonio & Maria Treglia

† Roger Guimond

† Elba Krawiecki

### Sunday, May 26

7:30 am † Linda Gale Kirk

9:00 am † Parishioners of St. Matthew

10:30 am † DiRenzo Family

† Amour Francois

† Living Intention, Claire Esposito

† Michael Mackin

† Matthew Criscuolo

† Francesco Romano

12:00 pm † Maxine Gallo

5:00 pm † Robert W. Medwid

## In Loving Memory



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

† **Audrey A. Lexander** † **Hilda Lee Terry**

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

### May 6-12, 2024 Offertory

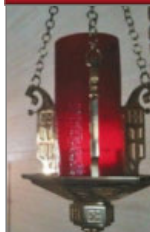
Offertory	\$ 15,367.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,735.50
Paypal	\$ 739.00
<b>Total Regular Collection:</b>	<b>\$ 19,841.50</b>
Offertory, same week in 2023	\$ 15,753.50
Offertory, same week in 2022	\$ 13,644.50
Votive Candles	\$ 641.00

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)



## The Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle burns

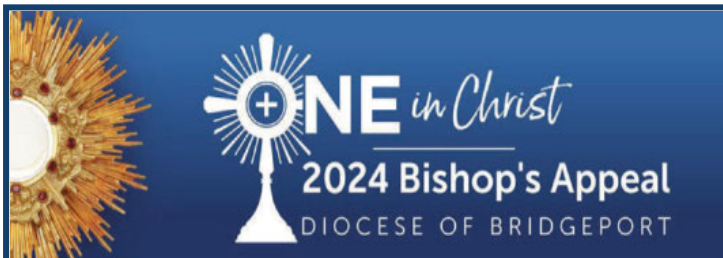
*in Loving Memory of*

**Chona Molina**

*offered by*

**Lisette Dinglasan**

*Please remember her in your prayers.*



**St. Matthew Goal**

**\$154,000**

**375 Donors**

**Pledges**

**\$158,545**

**103% of Goal!**

Our Diaconate Formation Program provides support for men who feel "called" to the diaconate at all phases of their discernment. From inquiry through formation, the Diocese supports and guide candidates through four and one-half years of study, prayer, and discernment. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, those in the diaconate formation program focus on the human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral dimensions of their development – all supported through gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thanks to all who have supported the Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a one-time gift or pledge if you haven't already given.

### Ways to Give:

\* Give online: [2024BishopsAppeal.org](https://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



**PIZZA!!  
FUN! SNACKS!  
CASH PRIZES!  
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Bring your friends!  
ALL ARE WELCOME!



**ST. MATTHEW CHURCH**

# BINGO

## WEDNESDAYS

**weekly beginning May 29**

**DOORS OPEN: 5:30PM  
GAMES BEGIN: 6:45PM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
Admission: \$1/adult, 18yrs + ONLY

**PIZZA, SNACKS, SOFT DRINKS**  
available for purchase  
StMatthewNorwalk.org

St. Matthew Great Room | 216 Scribner Avenue | Norwalk, CT  
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. MATTHEW PROGRAMS/MINISTRIES

Attention all BINGO players! Less than two weeks to go! St. Matthew Church will be hosting a WEEKLY WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO beginning May 29, 2024 in the Great Room! Join us for a night of fun, games and CASH PRIZES! Admission is just \$1, adults 18 yrs+ only, every Wednesday. Pizza, snacks, and soft drinks available for purchase. Doors open at 5:30pm, with games beginning promptly at 6:45pm. Questions? Please contact St. Matthew Church: 203-838-3788, ext. 101.

**Bingo Volunteers needed!**  
If you are able to help, please email Frank Billowitz: [frankjb13@gmail.com](mailto:frankjb13@gmail.com) Volunteers will be scheduled on a rotating basis. Great fundraiser for our church!

### Welcome, Seminarian Jhon!

#### SEMINARIAN JHON BOURGUIGNON, May 18

We are delighted to announce the assignment of Seminarian Jhon Bourguignon to St. Matthew Church by the Diocese. Jhon is currently pursuing his studies at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wyncnewood, PA. He will be joining our community on May 18 for a period of 8 weeks. We look forward to welcoming Jhon and working together in faith and fellowship during his time with us.

### New Horizons Senior Group

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

**Cards & Games:** 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month 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](mailto:Claire_Bartoli@yahoo.com).

### Food Pantry Needs

#### CAN YOU BRING AN ITEM OR TWO?

**CEREAL DRY BLACK BEANS  
COFFEE TOILET PAPER**

Please drop all non-perishable items in the vestibule of the Church or outside the Great Room Doors. The St. Matthew Food Pantry serves over 80 families in the Norwalk community each Wednesday from 9:30am-11:30am. Thank you for your generosity!

### BIBLE CAMP GIVING TREE

**May 18-19**

Help support our upcoming Scuba Bible Camp! Giving Trees will be at all entrances of the Church this weekend. Please take a tag to purchase much-needed items and gift cards for our Summer Bible Camp!

Please drop off items to the Parish Office **by JUNE 2.**

Thank you for your support!!!  
Questions? Please contact Clare or Janet:  
[SaintMattBibleCamp@gmail.com](mailto:SaintMattBibleCamp@gmail.com).

### BLESSING of GRADUATES MASS

**Sunday, June 9: 9:00am Mass**

Are you or someone in your family graduating from 5<sup>th</sup> grade, middle school, high school, college or beyond? Please join us for a special Mass with Blessing of Graduates!

- Please send us the name of the Graduate and school from which they are graduating so they can be prayed for at the Mass: [YouthCoordinator@stmatthewnorwalk.org](mailto:YouthCoordinator@stmatthewnorwalk.org)



**ST. MATTHEW CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**JEWELRY CALL!**  
*New or gently-used*

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR NEW OR GENTLY-USED JEWELRY. PLEASE DROP OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT DEEANN DORRICO [DDorrico1@aol.com](mailto:DDorrico1@aol.com)

## CONGRATULATIONS, FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

Our second group of children received the Real Presence of Jesus last Saturday. It was a wonderful day for them and their families! Special thanks to Fr. Frank, Fr. Ignacio, Fr. Miguel and Msgr. Sabia, Janet Mitchell, Director of Faith Formation; Catechists Mary Dwyer, Charlotte Lundberg, Roger McNamara, Teen Catechist Lilly Mitchell, Parent Helper Christina Dustin, and the Parish Family of St. Matthew for their prayerful support.



Many thanks to Fon Tongparn of MamaFon Photography for the beautiful photographs.





# Faith Formation

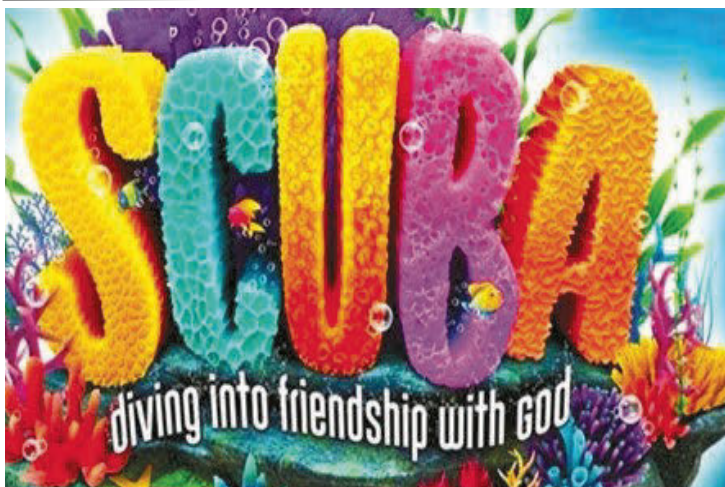
Janet Mitchell, DRE; Liz Reid, Confirmation Director  
[StMattRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:StMattRelEd@gmail.com) | 203-838-3788, ext. 107



## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

**Saturday, May 18:** Mandatory for all Confirmation Candidates. Beginning promptly at 12:45pm we will meet outside the grounds of the Chapel. We will do some icebreaking activities, listen to the Confirmation talk, have some directed prayer, watch a video on Confirmation and other Confirmation-related activities. We will end our day by attending 4pm Mass together. That Mass is in celebration of Monsignor Sabia. We would love it if all parents could join us at that Mass as well. Please eat lunch at home prior to coming to the retreat for 12:45pm. Snacks and water will be available during the retreat.

**Sunday, May 19:** Our last class will be the next day Sunday. Since we will be attending the 4pm Mass on Saturday as part of the retreat, we will not be at the 5pm Mass on Sunday. We will meet promptly at 5:45pm in the Great Room. That class will be your test. A few students have made a retreat at other parishes since they will not be available on May 18. If you cannot attend May 18, you must make another retreat. This is a mandatory requirement for all Confirmation candidates.



## Pre-K\* through Grade 5 Vacation Bible Camp! June 24-28 : 9am-12:30pm

- 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...



# YOUTH GROUP

Katrina Pesta, Youth Ministry Coordinator  
[YouthCoordinator@StMatthewNorwalk.org](mailto:YouthCoordinator@StMatthewNorwalk.org) 203-838-3788, ext. 115

**May 18:** 3rd-5th Grade Youth Group (note date change)  
5:00 PM-7:00 PM in the Newman Center

**May 19:** MS & High School Youth Group  
6:00 PM-7:15 PM in the Newman Center  
Books for Joy Service Project, Candy Salad (bring two bags of your favorite candy—no nuts, please) and outdoor games.

**June 9:** Graduates Mass @ 9AM- Please reach out to Katrina if you are graduating 5th grade, middle school, high school, college or beyond.

**July 11:** 3rd Annual Summer Mission Day

**July 26- 28:** Steubenville East Retreat in Springfield, MA- application on our website:  
[StMatthewNorwalk.org/youthgroup](http://StMatthewNorwalk.org/youthgroup)



## NEW & RETURNING BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED!

The theme changes each year but the FUN remains the same!  
COME JOIN US for Scuba Bible Camp Volunteer Training:  
Monday, June 17 at 6:00pm  
Wednesday, June 19 at 6:00pm

Questions?  
Contact Clare Gutowski or Janet Mitchell:  
[SaintMattBibleCamp@gmail.com](mailto:SaintMattBibleCamp@gmail.com)



Scan to Volunteer...

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN Workshop

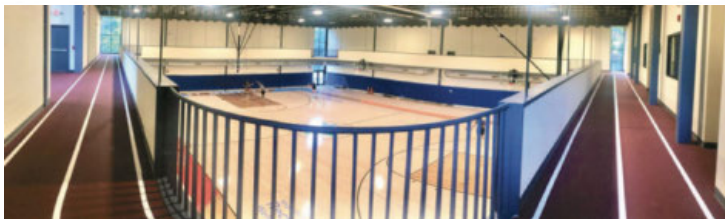
Saturday, June 15 | 9:00am in the Great Room

With Bible Camp and Bingo on the horizon, we have scheduled an *in-person VIRTUS Workshop for any new volunteers, or any returning volunteers who need to renew their certification.*

**Registration is required to attend this session.**

To register go to <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/> and follow the steps to create an account. The Diocese of Bridgeport requires all volunteers over the age of 18 to have VIRTUS Certification. *If you are a current volunteer, please be sure that your certification is up-to-date.* Questions? Please email: [Virtus@StMatthewNorwalk.org](mailto:Virtus@StMatthewNorwalk.org)





Jay Egan, Executive Director  
 Carol Cosgrove, Special Events Coordinator  
 For operational use or programming inquiries:  
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**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



**Gospel Meditation**  
**Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity – despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God – His very life – the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

– Father John Muir

**8th Annual CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC**  
**Knights of Columbus Sword & Shield**  
**June 10th MONDAY | 2024 RESERVE TODAY!**  
 Brownsong COUNTRY CLUB  
 co-sponsored by Knights of Columbus St. Matthew #14360 & Our Lady of the Assumption Church #11077  
 For info on sponsorship or golfing: George Ribellino: [GRibellino@sbcglobal.net](mailto:GRibellino@sbcglobal.net)  
 Help us assist those in need!  
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**\$200 TEE SPONSOR**  
**\$100 PROGRAM SPONSOR**  
**\$20 WEBSITE SPONSOR**

Reserve Today! The Knights of Columbus 8th Annual Sword & Shield Charity Golf Classic on Monday June 10, 2024. For info on sponsorships or golfing please contact George Ribellino: [gribellino@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gribellino@sbcglobal.net). Help us assist those in need such as Off the Streets, Malta House, Homes for the Brave, St Jude Hospital and local food pantries. To reserve or sponsor, visit: [kofc14360.net/golf](http://kofc14360.net/golf) or go to [swordshieldgolf.com](http://swordshieldgolf.com) for more info. The event is co-sponsored by Knights of Columbus St. Matthew #14360 and Our Lady of the Assumption Church Council 11077.



### 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](mailto:RamonaBouffard@WmConnect.com)

### Altar Society & Linens

Assist in the overall cleanliness of the Church & Sanctuary. Contact Carmela Milici: [JCMilici@Frontier.com](mailto:JCMilici@Frontier.com)  
Linen Ladies: Contact Karen Iaco: [KarenClaco@aol.com](mailto:KarenClaco@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 Noelle Vasquez: [Wwp.StMatthewNorwalk@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://stmatthewnorwalk.org/parish-rosary-on-zoom/)  
Contact Patrick Kelley: [PatWmKelley@gmail.com](mailto: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: [Frlgnacio1971@gmail.com](mailto:Frlgnacio1971@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](mailto:StMatthewPrays@gmail.com)

### Pastoral Services

#### Bereavement Group

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

#### Communion for Homebound

For anyone who is homebound, in the hospital or nursing facility, who wishes to receive Holy Eucharist, contact Sr. Sally Norcross: [SNorcross@StMatthewNorwalk.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nap21861@aol.com)

### Finance Committee

Members help the Pastor with oversight, planning and counsel. Contact Mike Munisteri: [Mick\\_06854@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:JoanMWalsh@optonline.net)

#### Movies in the Newman Center

Every Tuesday at 1:30pm—no reservations!  
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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:WJohnston7861@SBCglobal.net)

### Parish Nurses

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### Sewing Ministry

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



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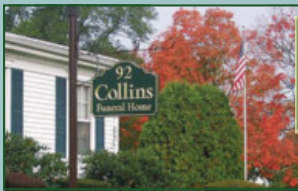
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