

**SAINT
MATTHEW**
PARISH FAMILY
StMatthewNorwalk.org

6th Sunday of Easter
NEWS
May 5, 2024

Congratulations First Communicants



William Barrot
Anthony Bartlett
Charles Bartlett
Jack Benoit
Domenico "Nico" Cappuccia
Bryce Celicourt
Hayden Cole
Brayden Cross
Charlotte Culhane
Aria DeLuna
Landon Desrouilleres
Daniel Diaz
Katherine Duchimaza
Grace Dustin
Wyatt Eichholtz
Brian Mason Graham
Darven Joanus

Vardley Joanus
Shay Karwosky
Ryley Lundgren
Louis Malkin
Jax Maya
Connor Megargee
Emmalise Moretti
Gabriella Nesbitt
Isabella Nesbitt
Alexander Niles
Dalia Olszewski
Kadence Ormond
Jeremy Polanco-Gomez
Kevin Polanco-Gomez
Cole Pollak
Lyla Salvatore

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

Fr. Frank Hoffmann, Pastor | Fr. Jose Ignacio Ortigas, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Miguel Betancur Lenis, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Paul Sankar, in residence | 216 Scribner Avenue Norwalk, Connecticut 06854

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All Are Welcome

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ext. 123; FrLenis@Diobpt.org

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ext. 101; email: StMattParish@hotmail.com

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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 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

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 06

10:30am New Horizons Exec Board
12:10pm Mass
6:30pm Fitness
7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

TUES 07

12:10pm Mass
1:30pm New Horizons Movie
2:30pm Bereavement Ministry
7:00pm First Tuesday Confessions through 8pm

WED 08

9:30am Curbside Food Pantry through 11:30am
12:10pm Mass
1:00pm New Horizons Cards & Games
5:30pm First Communion Rehearsal (May 11 Group)
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
8:00pm AA

THURS 09

ASCENSION OF THE LORD: A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

8:00am Ascension of the Lord Mass in the Church
12:10pm Ascension of the Lord Mass in the Church
1:00pm New Horizons Luncheon
5:30pm Christmas Fair Volunteer Meeting
6:30pm Fitness Group
6:30pm Bible Camp Adult Volunteer Meeting
7:00pm Ascension of the Lord Mass in the Church

FRI 10

12:10pm Mass

SAT 11

9:00am Mass in the Chapel
11:00am First Communion
2:00pm Filipino Mass
3:00pm Confessions through 3:45pm
4:00pm Vigil Mass

SUN 12

MOTHER'S DAY GERANIUMS

7:30am Mass
9:00am Mass, Crowning of Mary
10:30am Mass
11:30am psalm Choir
12:00pm Mass
5:00pm Mass

First Tuesday Confessions

First Tuesday, May 7: Confession

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

Our Newly Baptized

St. Matthew warmly welcomes

Danica Guy and Cameron Vigliotti

to our Parish Family. Congratulations to their parents and loved ones!

Communion for the Homebound

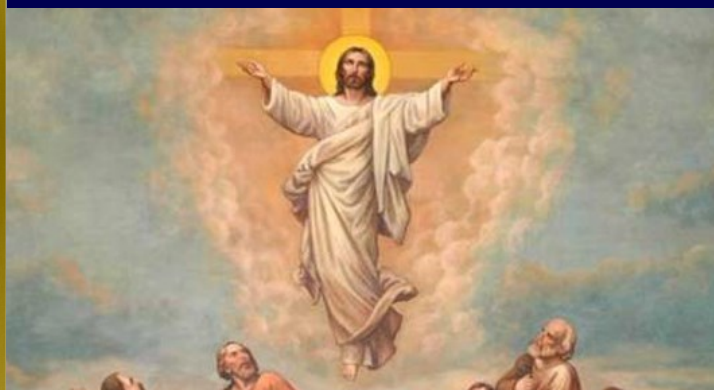


Anyone who is homebound and wishes to receive Communion, please call Sr. Sally: 203-838-3788, ext. 118.

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

The Ascension of the Lord A Holy Day of Obligation: Thursday, May 9



Thursday, May 9 is a Holy Day of Obligation.
OUR THREE MASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH:
8:00am | 12:10pm | 7:00pm

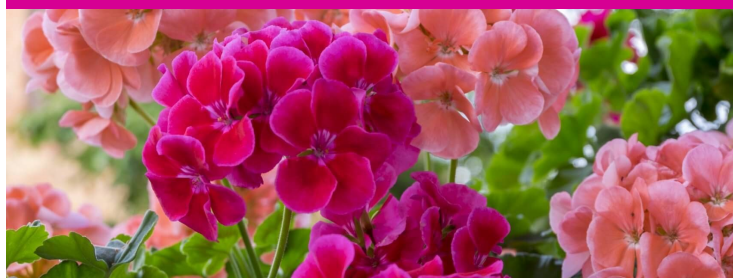
The 40th day of Easter commemorates the Ascension of the Lord, where Jesus ascended bodily into Heaven in the presence of His apostles.

Congratulations!



Join us in congratulating our two First Communion Classes who will be receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time this weekend and next weekend. Receiving the Real Presence of Jesus is the most intimate and special way to encounter Christ. It is the pinnacle of our Catholic belief to receive Jesus in Communion, and in doing so brings special graces to all our children who are celebrating it. Let us give thanks to God for this special occasion, and pray that our children who receive Jesus may respond to His grace with love and hopefulness.

Mother's Day Flowers for all Women



On Mother's Day Weekend, May 11-12, Fr. Frank will have a plant for each woman of the Parish to take home after each Mass as a token of the Parish's love and appreciation! *Please be sure to take just one plant so that every woman receives one.*

Baked Goods Needed, May 10-11



May 11 First Communicants Reception
Store-bought or Home-made baked goods gratefully appreciated!

Please drop off baked goods for the May 11 Reception:

Friday, May 10 by 1pm at the Parish Office
and

Sat, May 11 between 8am-10am in the Great Room!

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13

May is the month of Our Blessed Mother. Praying the Rosary brings us closer to Jesus, through Mary, His mother.

Monday, May 13: Feast of Our Lady of Fatima: 6:30pm Mass in Our Lady of the Visitation Chapel. Fr. Ignacio will lead a Rosary after the Mass. Everyone is invited to bring a flower to place in the vase before the Blessed Mother's statue in the Chapel.

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

Pastoral Council: May 6

Monday, May 6: 7pm Meeting

Monday, May 6: Budgets & Meeting Calendars for 2024-2025 due.

PLEASE SEND BUDGETS TO STEVE & CALENDARS TO CAROL:

Steve Buckett: SBuckett@StMatthewNorwalk.org.

Carol Cosgrove: StMattRecCenter@gmail.com.

May Crowning of Our Lady



Sunday, May 12: 9am Mother's Day Procession to the Blessed Mother

ALL YOUTH OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED

As we celebrate Mother's Day, what could be more special than honoring both your earthly mother and our heavenly mother, Mary? 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 suits. Questions? Janet Mitchell: StMattRelEd@gmail.com.

† Mass Intentions †



Monday, May 6

12:10 pm † Rita Pretera

Tuesday, May 7

12:10 pm † Victoria Howe

Wednesday, May 8

12:10 pm † Stan Tyska

Thursday, May 9: Ascension of the Lord

8:00 am † Giuseppe & Giuseppena Surace

12:10 pm † Edward John Schriver

7:00 pm † Parishioners of St. Matthew

Friday, May 10

12:10 pm † Nick DeRosa

Saturday, May 11

9:00 am † Margaret Oringer & Mary Pelletiere

4:00 pm † Joan Ayril

† Carole Brilliant Lauture

† Amanda Thompson

† Joe and Flo Elias

† Stephen & Mary Pignataro

† Shawn Murphy

Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day

7:30 am † For all Mothers

9:00 am † For all Mothers

10:30 am † For all Mothers

12:00 pm † For all Mothers

5:00 pm † For all Mothers

In Loving Memory



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

† Marjorie Moehring

† Lisa Droney † Mary Papadelis

† Amy Lynn Bruzzone

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 22 - April 28, 2024 Offertory

Offertory	\$ 10,327.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,355.50
Paypal	\$ 545.00
Total Regular Collection:	\$ 15,227.50
Offertory, same week in 2023	\$ 18,391.50
Offertory, same week in 2022	\$ 19,080.50
Votive Candles	\$ 764.00

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
\$ 151,265
98 % of Goal

St. Matthew Goal
\$ 154,000
351 Donors

As the Bishop's personal initiative, the Guild of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (or "Jesus Guild" for short) is a key component of The One. From its home in the woods of Georgetown CT, it runs apostolates throughout the Diocese, inviting an encounter with beauty through the sacred arts. This might be by attending 'Heart to Heart', our contemporary music mission; or taking part in the Saturday Art School, or perhaps engaging with our new Oratory Choir for Girls.

Striving for excellence in all that it does, the Jesus Guild pays particular attention to the needs of young people and young adults, offering formation and events that provide an authentic encounter with the person of Christ. Your donation to the Jesus Guild is an investment in the future of the Church and a true partnership in the Bishop's vision for diocesan renewal.

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 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



CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING



**THURSDAY
MAY 9
5:30PM
MARY & JOSEPH ROOM**

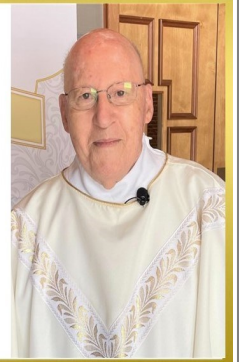
Come join us as we plan our 2024 Christmas Fair!

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.

Celebrating Msgr. Sabia: May 18!

SAVE THE DATE!

MSGR. JOHN SABIA
60th Ordination Anniversary
90th Birthday Celebration
10 Years at St. Matthew
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.

St. Matthew Scholarships

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Our 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.



Scan QR code for details and to apply -->

**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
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**It all starts at
All Saints.**

**Schedule a Tour Now and
experience the difference.**



Contact for more info:
allsaintsnorwalk.com

Enrolling now for 3 and 4 year old classes for the fall of 2024!



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

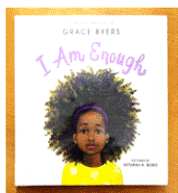
Monday - Friday: 7:00am - 9:00pm
Saturday and Sunday : 7:00am - 7:00pm
The Lower Level (court level) is CLOSED to the PUBLIC:
Mondays : 5:30pm - 9:00pm
Wednesdays: 5:00pm - 9:00pm
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 3:00pm - 9:00pm
Saturdays: 7:00am—12:00noon
Please help us protect this facility by not giving access to anyone who does not possess a key FOB.

**SHARE YOUR
BOOK JOY**

Children's
BOOK DRIVE

PLEASE SHARE YOUR
GENTLY USED, GOOD QUALITY
DIVERSE CHILDREN'S BOOKS
FROM BIRTH TO GRADE 6
AND REDISTRIBUTE BOOK JOY
TO NORWALK CHILDREN.

THANK YOU!



**St. Matthew Youth Group
May 5 Book Drive**

St. Matthew Youth Group has partnered with a new Norwalk-based non-profit foundation that provides increased access to book ownership for children in Norwalk named "FIND BOOK JOY." The organization redistributes existing book wealth from Norwalk families to children eager to read and own their own books. This is an all-volunteer effort to increase access and equity in book ownership and open the doors to reading achievement.

Books will be collected at all Masses Sunday, May 5, or can be left in the bins labelled in the Vestibule.

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 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



After all Masses this weekend 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.**

Eucharistic Procession to stop at St. Matthew Church



SHORTLY AFTER HIS RESURRECTION, JESUS ACCOMPANIED TWO DISCIPLES ON THEIR JOURNEY FROM JERUSALEM TO EMMAUS, WALKING WITH THEM IN THEIR GRIEF, OFFERING HOPE, AND FINALLY REVEALING HIMSELF THROUGH THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD. JESUS WANTS THE SAME FOR YOU!

As part of the 2024 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage beginning on May 17 in California, Texas, Minnesota and Connecticut, the Blessed Sacrament will proceed through the Diocese of Bridgeport beginning on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, and will arrive 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, with Rosary procession at the cemetery.

All are invited to attend the Mass and Procession.

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

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

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, May 5: Faith Formation 9am Mass followed by Last Class & Coffee And

Sunday, May 12: 9am Mass, Crowning of Our Blessed Mother
Please join us on Mother's Day for the Crowning of Our Lady. We invite our First Communicants to wear their special First Communion outfits for this Mass.

Gr. 6-7 Confirmation

Sunday, May 5: Just a reminder 6th grade has the Regional Middle School Youth Group today at 4pm at All Saints School and the Confirmation Class has their review class following the 5pm Mass!

Sunday, May 19: Gr. 6-7, Last Class at 6pm

First Eucharist Rehearsal



There will be a **First Eucharist Rehearsal Wednesday, May 8 at 5:30pm** in the Church for those receiving First Communion at May 11th Mass. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Communion.

YOUTH GROUP

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

From Katrina...

May is a special month in church. We honor Mary, have several scheduled Communion and are looking forward to several exciting events. Members of Youth Ministry are invited to participate in crowning Our Lady at the 9am Mass. St. Matthew Youth Ministry has also partnered with a Norwalk-based organization- Books for Joy. Youth from all three age group programs are invited to collect children's books in the front vestibule of the church this Sunday. We will then sort them and box them up between Masses.

May 5: Books for Joy Book Drive Service Project
1 PM-2 PM in the Great Room (sign up on website)

May 5: ASCS 6th Grade Regional Youth Ministry
4:00 PM-6:15 PM

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

May 19: High School Youth Group
6:00 PM-7:15 PM in the Newman Center

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

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...



Gr. 6-7 Service Project: Filling in the Blanks



Thanks to JoAnn Esposito & Liz Reid for the photos!



With the help of our amazing catechists the 6th and 7th grade Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation classes worked hard to make snack bags for “Filling in the Blanks” this past Sunday. Filling in the Blanks is an amazing local agency who helps fight childhood hunger with weekend meals and snacks. Our wonderful students decorated snack bags and filled them with goodies to share! They truly embraced the message of sharing Jesus’ love and creating Heaven on earth by choosing to feed each other. Their messages were uplifting, reverent, and filled with kinship. I am always in awe and always so proud of our young disciples. *- Liz Reid, Confirmation Director*

Little Angels End of Year Celebration...



The Little Angels Choir wrapped up their year with a pizza party that was music to everyone’s ears! Miss Lisa gave them a fantastic send-off that included special awards. Take a look at these heartwarming photos capturing the wide smiles and close companionship shared among our littlest songbirds!



Women's Mentoring Network

PRESENTS

Strategic Life Skills Workshop

TOPIC: CAREER READINESS

Workshops help you focus on finding better employment opportunities and improve your career journey

Join us if you are ready to change your career path, focus on your finances, and strengthen your job skills.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Wednesday May 8, 2024

12:00-1:30 p.m.

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL: Scan the QR code below to register!

South Norwalk Public Library
2nd floor conference room
10 Washington St., Norwalk
Lisa@wmninc.org
tel: (203) 703-2878



www.wmninc.org

Click the links below to explore our website and social media pages



Liturgical Life

Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The Jewish believers who accompanied Peter to the house of Cornelius were "astonished" that Gentiles who had faith in Jesus also received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Have you ever been surprised by what God has done in your life?

Second Reading:

John teaches us that the essence of God is love and we are called to love one another. Who might you work on loving this week?

Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples that loving him and loving each other brings "complete joy." What brings you joy in your life?



CatholicCharities
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ARE YOU OR A LOVED ONE FACING HUNGER? WE CAN HELP!

What is SNAP?
SNAP provides food benefits to low-income families to supplement their grocery budget so they can afford the nutritious food essential to health and well-being.

How We Help :
Catholic Charities is offering an **APPLICATION ASSISTANCE DRIVE** with bilingual support to help YOU navigate the SNAP application process now through September 30th.

Are you or a loved one facing hunger or having difficulty affording food? Catholic Charities can help. SNAP provides food benefits to low-income families to supplement their grocery budget so they can afford the nutritious food essential to health and well-being. Catholic Charities is coordinating an application drive with bilingual support to help parishioners navigate the SNAP application process now through September 30th (Benefits ongoing for those who qualify) providing:

- Application Assistance
- Eligibility Guidance (Example: Families of four with incomes up to \$39,000 may qualify).
- Undocumented parents note: U.S.-born children may be eligible for benefits.

Contact Kristine Paz at (203) 750-9711 for more information.

BECAUSE ALL CHILDREN DESERVE TO HAVE A **HAPPY AND HEALTHY CHILDHOOD.**

We are 100% committed to protecting youth. Join us to prevent and respond to child abuse.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY COMMUNION BREAKFAST



Sunday, June 2 after the 9am Mass

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus St. Matthew Council 14360

Special Guest Speaker: Monsignor John Sabia

Celebrating 60 years of Ordination & 10 years visiting Priest at St. Matthew

Adults: \$20.00 | Children 10 & under: Free

Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Hash Browns,
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