

***St. Matthew  
the Apostle  
Parish***

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**January 24, 2021**

**335 Dover Chester Road  
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***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat  
along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:20

**Served by**

Rev. Brian P. Quinn, Pastor	(Fr.Brian)
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**We Invite You to Celebrate**

**Eucharist:** Saturday - 5:00 pm  
Sunday - 8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am

**Weekday Mass:** Monday - Friday at 8:00 am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm (\*or by appointment)

**Adoration:** Third Tuesday - 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Our Mission**

We are a Catholic community seeking out and welcoming all in a spirit of hospitality and empowering people to grow in discipleship in Jesus Christ.

# Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 23 5:00 pm	MaryAnn Pizzi Mary Barry
Sunday, January 24 8:00 am	Frank Losavio Kathleen Schmieder
9:30 am	Thomas Edward Pare
11:00 am	Todd Maier
Monday, January 25	Daniel Grennan
Tuesday, January 26	Bernice Lah
Wednesday, January 27	Helio Machado
Thursday, January 28	Regina Slezak
Friday, January 29	
Saturday, January 30 5:00 pm	Andrew Honeycheck
Sunday, January 31 8:00 am	Marie Feeney
9:30 am	Delia Oliva
11:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. James Carroll

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 24, 2021

### First Reading: Jon 3:10

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

### Psalm: Ps 25

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

### Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:31

For the world in its present form is passing away.

### Gospel: Mk 1:15

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Readings week of Sunday, January 24, 2021

**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

**Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

**Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

## Monthly Offerings - December 2020

Envelopes & Loose Cash	\$ 13,339
We Share Online Giving	\$ 22,559
Total	\$ 34,598

### July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

YTD Budget	\$207,498
YTD Offering	\$209,209
YTD Deficit	\$ 1,711

### December - Collections

Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,835
Christmas (Budget: \$26,000)	\$ 25,854
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,520
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 4,236

## Stewardship of Treasure

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

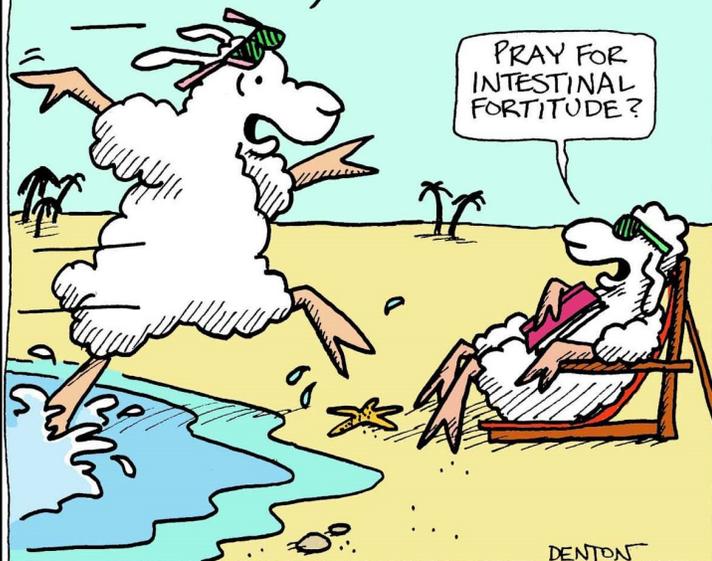
~Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.



*Stewardship*  
RECOGNIZING GOD'S GIFTS &  
GIVING BACK IN GRATITUDE

HELP!! MY FRIEND JONAH HAS BEEN SWALLOWED WHOLE BY AN ENORMOUS FISH! WHAT'LL WE DO?!



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PRAY FOR  
INTESTINAL  
FORTITUDE?

"The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe the gospel."

### Sheepish Question:

When do I need courage to fully believe and live by God's way?

# In Our Parish

## Our Parish Prayers

*Please pray for the sick members of our Parish community who have requested our prayers . . .*



Dan Bixler, Joan Bruncato, Fran Brooks, Gosia Butryn, Kristin Carr, Gina Ceva, Tim Connors, Rina Conti, Jeremiah Crowley, Nicholas Ferroni, Mary Frattarola, Mark Goebel, Chris Groh, Mary Hanifin, Eugenie Hamilton, Toni Kearon, Tom Knight, Erin Lay, Robert Lindsey, John McAndrew, Maeve McKendry, Jack Matthew McKendry, Al Matos, Joyce Peterson, Sara Rind, Leonard Schmieder, Sam Scotto, Brenna Slate, Lucas Soto, Joseph Sterphone, Robert Stickles, Winifred Swiss, Rick Taikowski, Christopher Torney, & David Whitaker

*Please pray for those who have died . . .*

Robert Pacca - Father of Debbie Barmore  
Antonio & Jessie Romero - Uncle & Aunt of Rina Conti  
Walter Whittaker - Uncle of Patty Mateo  
John Zaleski - Father of Kathleen Weiner

## Catholic Life Explained

**Question:** Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

**Answer:** In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the Eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made . . . it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a *wafer* - which is properly called a *host* - should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (*raised*) bread is more often used. While the thin, white *wafer* is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

## Gospel Meditation

### Gospel Meditation

*Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture*

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having a conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

## Sacrament of Baptism

The St. Matthew's Faith Community is proud to welcome the following new members to the Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Owen Andrew DeeWitt Johnson  
Son of Brian & Jamie Johnson

Callie Jean Kepp  
Daughter of Jaisen & Ann Kepp



We pray that Owen, Callie and their families become full and active members of our Parish and that they find a spiritual home in the St. Matthew the Apostle Community.

*"You are child of God, you are wonderfully made, dearly loved and precious in his sight." ~Psalm 139*

# In Our Parish

## Bridges Outreach Sunday, January 24, 2021

Once again we are offering a service opportunity you can do at home and then drop off at St. Matthew's on Sunday, January 24, 2021.

We are called to help those in need. We are reminded in scripture that when we care for those in need we are in fact seeing Jesus in every single person. Right now Bridges and Faith Kitchen need your help. You can either make sandwiches - just one or more than one, your choice OR you can donate items for sustainable meals (i.e. cans of tuna etc.) and/or toiletry items. Please see the Parish website for complete details. [www.stmatthewsrandolph.org](http://www.stmatthewsrandolph.org).

We encourage you to have fun looking at this video from Fr. Brian and Jim Hill our youth group director.  
<https://youtu.be/ESD7zSHaUdA>



## 2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal Love Thy Neighbor

If you have not yet responded to the 2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal, there is still time to do so! The 2020 Appeal funds ministries and programs through June 2021. Your gift is a great blessing and is valued as we serve Christ by serving his people.



Gifts may be made by check, credit card, through gifts of securities or online at [www.2020appeal.org](http://www.2020appeal.org).

## Online Giving via WeShare

The practice of Christian stewardship via online giving provides the opportunity for planned giving. Online Giving allows for a streamlined administrative process and allows for more accurate budgeting. Please prayerfully consider donating to St. Matthew's via our online system. Please access the WeShare link on the St. Matthew's website under the Support tab. If you are currently using WeShare, please take a few moments to update your information to ensure that credit card information is up-to-date.



If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Brian or MaryAnn in the Parish office at (973)584-1101. We are happy to assist you.

## The Gift of Giving 2020 Parish Tax Statements



Per Diocesan guidelines, statements of Parish donations may be obtained by request by contacting the Parish office: (973) 584-1101. Letters will be mailed/emailed as soon as possible (please specify how you would like to receive the information).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact MaryAnn Spagnuolo via email: [maryann.spagnuolo@stmatthewsrandolph.org](mailto:maryann.spagnuolo@stmatthewsrandolph.org). If your donations are made via WeShare online giving, you may run a report for your purposes. Please let us know if assistance is needed.

## Stay Connected with St. Matthew's Join the Flock - sign-up for Flocknote

In recent months, we are reminded of how important it is to have an easy way to communicate with parishioners. Flocknote is a powerful tool and will make communication possible. We are asking that you sign-up for Flocknote so we may communicate directly with you and your family. **Please be sure to sign-up for the Pastor blast, and any Parish ministries that you would like to follow.**

Please visit: <https://stmatthewsrandolph.flocknote.com>. If you prefer, you may *Text-to-Join* by sending keyword SMR in the body of the text to 84576. The best part is that your family may have individual emails and phone numbers for each person who signs up.



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## Shopper's Club Cards

St. Matthew's invites you to participate in our fundraising efforts through our Shopper's Club Program. St. Matthew's receives a profit of 5% - 10% from gift card purchases from our participating sponsors at **NO COST to you!**

Please note the participating businesses listed below. Cards are available in increments of \$20 - \$100 and may be purchased in the Parish Office. Please call the office at (973) 584-1101 if you would like to purchase cards.

**Groceries: Acme, Shop Rite, Sussex Meat Packing, Weis**  
In addition, when shopping at Burrini's please mention you are a St. Matthew's Parishioner upon checkout and 5% of your purchase will be donated to the Parish.

*Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts!*

## Care Notes

CareNotes are written for people dealing with emotional situations who are looking for concise, easy-to-read guidance and support. These booklets are designed with small sections with sidebars to support the information, stimulate interest and offer support. The compact, 5" x 7", eight-page full color booklets offer strength, help and healing for those who are hurting. CareNotes provide emotional, recovery, health, grief and eldercare support and information. These wellness-oriented booklets address real-life emotional, psychological and spiritual needs and are an outstanding wellness resource.



CareNotes may be found in the Gathering Space. Please call the Parish office and we would happy to mail Care Notes to you (973) 584-1101.

# In Our Parish

## Live the Liturgy

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment.

Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.

## What is a Mass Card?

The dedication of a Mass is a special way to show an expression of support, sympathy and care for those who are ill and those who have passed. We remember the deceased and invite their family members to attend a special liturgy in honor of their loved one.



It is Catholic tradition to commemorate and pray for those who have gone before us with a special intention during the liturgy. The name of the person to be prayed for is shared in the Prayer of the Faithful. Mass cards are available in the parish office. Please stop in if you would like to have a Mass offering for your loved one.

## Do You Receive *The Beacon*?

*The Beacon* is the newspaper of the Paterson Diocese and is published each Thursday. The paper has a circulation of 26k with 100k readers in the Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties - reaching 40% of Catholics in the areas!

The annual subscription fee for *The Beacon* is \$29.50. Your support in offsetting this cost to the Parish is appreciated. A check made payable to St. Matthew the Apostle Parish may be mailed to the Parish office, left in the gold Parish mailbox or dropped in the weekly collection. Please note *Beacon subscription* in the memo line.

## 40 Days for Life

Morris County Right to Life  
February 17 - March 28, 2021

Join us for the 40 Days for Life daily prayer vigils from February 17 - March 28. Vigils will be held from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm at Planned Parenthood located at 196 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown.

For additional information, please visit:



[www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/morristown](http://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/morristown)

## Kids Korner



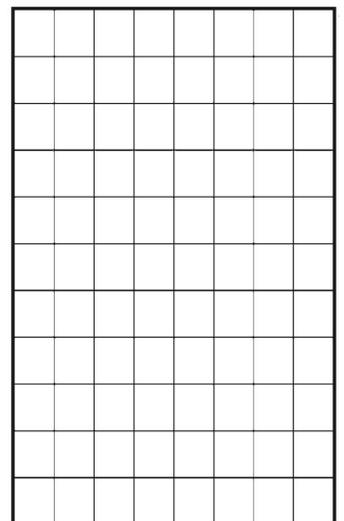
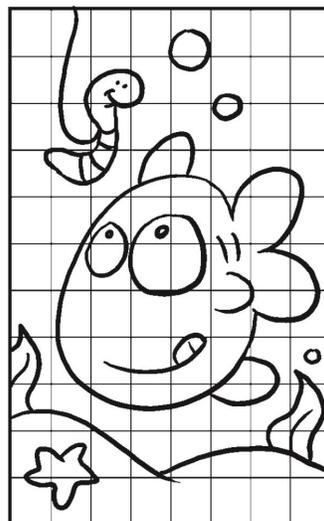
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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



## PUZZLE

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# In Our Parish

## Celebrate the Sacraments

**Baptism:** Baptism is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after the 11:00 am Mass and on the 4th Sunday during the 11:00 am Mass. Please call the Parish office at least two months in advance to make arrangements.

**First Reconciliation & First Communion:** Our Faith Formation Program begins with Grade 1. First reconciliation and First Communion is a 2-year program. Please call the Faith Formation office to register your child.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation is a 2-year program beginning in 9th grade. Students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of their 10th grade year.

**Matrimony:** Couples are asked to contact the Parish at least one year in advance.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the Parish office at anytime for Communion calls or visitation of the sick or elderly. Holy Communion may be brought to the home of any person who is temporarily or permanently homebound.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):** RCIA prepares adolescents and adults for Baptism and full Communion into the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish office for information

## New Parish Registration

St. Matthew's invites everyone to participate in our spiritual, educational and social life. Please complete a registration form and join our Parish family! Forms may be found on the Parish website, in the Gathering Space or you may contact the Parish office and we will mail/email the registration form to you. Registration is required for Religious Education Programs and for the reception of all Sacraments. ***Only active, registered members of the Parish may receive sponsor forms for Baptism or Confirmation.*** If you need a sponsor form, please contact the office and we will be happy to assist you.

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## Updating Parishioner Registration

Registered Parishioners: Do you have a new email address? mailing address? phone number? Please be sure to contact the Parish office with any changes to your contact information. It will allow us to continue to provide Parish and community news and updates in a timely manner. Do you have an adult child who no longer lives at home? It is important for young adults to establish their own registration. Please contact MaryAnn Spagnuolo in the Parish office with any questions (973) 584-1101, ext. 205.

## Homebound or Hospitalized

If you have friend or loved one who is homebound or hospitalized and would like a visit and the opportunity to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office (973) 584-1101. Thank you for helping us support those in our Parish Community.



## Parish Ministries & Contact Information

Altar Servers	Deacon Ed Keegan	(973) 927-1146
Bible Study	Suzanne Johnson	(973) 361-1028
Bridges	Debbi Tavares	(973) 895-8874
Church Environment	Tom & PeggyAnn Meola	(973) 895-4437
Cornerstone - Women	Joanne Morrone	(973) 229-4915
Eucharistic Adoration	Tom & PeggyAnn Meola	(973) 895-4437
Eucharistic Ministers	Andy & Doreen Guzo	(973) 451-0814
Faith Kitchen	Andy & Doreen Guzo	(973) 451-0814
Finance Council	John Potter	(973) 543-5757
Food Pantry	Deacon Bill Ruane	(201) 787-0029
Fundraising	Bob Sciarrello	(973) 584-3983
Funeral Ministry	Chris & John Groh	(973) 328-3203
Greeters	Darcy Ronchi	(973) 328-4573
Healthy Bones	Shirley Kraft	(973) 252-7393
Interfaith Furnishings	Mary Jo Welch	(973) 361-1666
Lectors	Ro Peach	(973) 584-1041
Liturgy	Fr. Brian Quinn	(973) 584-1101
Marriage Preparation	Deacon Ed & Sandie Keegan	(973) 927-1146
Marthas & Marys	Beth McNeilly	(973) 989-7547
Matthew's Men	Bill Ruane	(201) 787-0029
Meals on Wheels	Gene Cottrell	(973) 722-7733
Music Ministry	Kathy Burke	(973) 610-5654
Parish Leadership Team	Deacon Bill Ruane	(201) 787-0029
Prayer Chain	Debbi Tavares	(973) 895-8874
Prayer Shawl	Chris Groh	(973) 328-3203
RCIA	Deacon Ed Keegan	(973) 927-1146
Shopper's Club	Winifred Swiss	(973) 960-6005
Ushers	TBA	
Women of Faith	Moira Dziomba	(973) 584-1101
Youth Group	Jim Hill	(973) 584-1101
Youth Protection (Virtus) Coordinator	Karen Loveys	(973) 584-1101

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

# In & Around Town

## St. Paul Inside the Walls

**Foundations of Catholic Thought:** Join us on Saturday, **February 6** from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm for a virtual event, *Foundations of Catholic Thought: Hermeneutics (The Art of Biblical Interpretation)*. All are invited to attend the event which will be hosted by Fr. Paul Manning and Brian Honsberger. The fee is \$10 per person. To register, please visit: <https://insidethewalls.org/catholic-thought>

### Being Single, Being Faithful

Whether single by choice or by circumstance - never married, widowed, divorced, or separated - we must live every "single" day to the fullest. We can find fulfillment in Christ and His Church by embracing the opportunities in the Church for spiritual growth, meaningful service, and a sense of community. The next meeting is **Saturday, February 27** from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please sign-up online: <https://insidethewalls.org/being-single-being-faithful-35>.

**Men's Evening of Lenten Reflection:** With a Father's Heart: An Evening of Reflection on St. Joseph is an opportunity for men from around the diocese to enter deeper into Lent. Join us on **Friday, February 26**, from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm as we grow in faith, journey closer to God, and strengthen our family bonds. *Conditions at the time of the event will determine if it's to be live or virtual.* If live, the night will include a Lenten meal of delicious bread and hearty soup. To register online, please visit: <https://insidethewalls.org/lentenreflection>.

## St. Paul Inside the Walls

**Redeeming Love:** A Catholic Understanding & Approach to Questions about Identity, Sexuality and Gender In today's society, questions about identity abound, especially in the areas of sexuality and gender. Our young people are barraged with messages not so subtly suggesting how they should understand themselves and their feelings. What does Catholic teaching have to offer on these sensitive and critically important questions, and how can we share this with the young people we serve? Find out on **Saturday, April 17**.

This is part of the Diocesan Catechetical and Parish Leadership Conference, with renowned speaker **Damon Owens**, but all are welcome to learn about this very relevant and important topic of today. *Conditions permitting, this will be an in-person event; if not, it will be a virtual conference and those who register will be sent a link in order to access it.*

To learn about our speaker and for more information on the conference, please visit: <https://insidethewalls.org/2021cc>.

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