

**St. Matthew
the Apostle
Parish**

**Merry
Christmas**

December 25, 2021

335 Dover Chester Road
Randolph, NJ 07869
Phone (973)584-1101

**Merry
Christmas!**

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH

JOHN 1:14

Served by

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We Invite You to Celebrate

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| <u>Eucharist:</u> | Saturday - 5:00 pm Sunday - 8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am |
| <u>Weekday Mass:</u> | Monday - Friday at 8:00 am |
| <u>Reconciliation:</u> | Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm (*or by appointment) |
| <u>Adoration:</u> | 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

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| Saturday, December 25 <i>Christmas Day</i> | All Deceased Parishioners of St. Matthew the Apostle |
| Sunday, December 26 8:00 am | Jean Tierney |
| 9:30 am | Thomas Cullen Callan Pringle Suchyta |
| 11:00 am | Richard Byrd |
| Monday, December 27 | Patrick Murphy |
| Tuesday, December 28 | Anna Kunz Salvatore, Teresa & Ralph DeFalco |
| Wednesday, December 29 | Theresa Byrd Rev. Mr. George Keator |
| Thursday, December 30 | Linda Russo |
| Friday, December 31 | Sheila Miller |
| Saturday, January 1 5:00 pm | Sheila Miller Neil McNulty |
| Sunday, January 2 8:00 am | John & Michael Burke |
| 9:30 am | Robert Adubato |
| 11:00 am | Marion Volonte |



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“Put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another.”

Sheepish Question:

Who especially needs my compassion today as a beloved sister or brother in God's family?

The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 25, 2021

First Reading: Is 52:10

All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

Psalm: Ps 98

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Second Reading: Heb 1:1-2

In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

Gospel: Jn 1:14

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

The Nativity of the Lord

Daily Readings week of Sunday, December 26 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5 -8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monthly Offerings - November 2021

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| Envelopes & Loose Cash | \$ 16,367 |
| We Share Online Giving | \$ 21,164 |
| Total | \$ 37,531 |

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

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| YTD Budget | \$175,210 |
| YTD Offering | \$177,174 |
| YTD surplus/deficit | \$ 1,964 |

November - Second Collections

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| Building & Maintenance Fund | \$ 2,190 |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$ 1,078 |

Stewardship of Treasure

The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 25, 2021

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” ~ 1 John 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.



In Our Parish

Our Parish Prayers

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



Roland Boughton, Kaleigh Britton, Gosia Butryn, Kristin Carr, Dominic Casareale, Gina Ceva, Tim Connors, Rina Conti, Jeremiah Crowley, Glenn Ehrhardt, Noelle Farmer, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ed & Maureen Ghali, Chris Groh, Brian Klecan, Carl Marchese, John McAndrew, Maeve McKendry, Jack Matthew McKendry, Maureen Merola, Matthew Munch, Joyce Peterson, Joseph P., Mona Rai, Sam Scotto, Brenna Slate, Theresa Smerklo, Joseph Sterphone, Linda Sterphone, Steve Swell, Winifred Swiss, Christopher Torney, & David Whitaker

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Stewardship Ties

There is a lot of imagery around Christmas that has to do with adoption - or, more specifically, with a child being loved by another as if they belonged to that person and loved in such a profound way that in time, they do come to belong to that person.

We see this with Joseph and the infant Jesus. Joseph is not Jesus' biological father. But through a series of actions, and through his faithfulness in small, everyday matters, Joseph becomes the foster father of Jesus.

Perhaps we are parents who have adopted children, or we ourselves were adopted. We have also seen how, through a series of actions of love and sacrifice, someone can become the parent of a person who is not their "blood." A lot of times these families celebrate the day of the adoption. I've heard it called a "gotcha day," and it's marked joyously, like a birthday.

Most of us are not descended from the Israelites, God's Chosen People. But through a series of extraordinary actions of love and sacrifice, God has made Himself our parent, too. And through our own actions, and through faithfulness in small and everyday matters, we are His children.

But in this family, instead of blood ties, we have stewardship ties. It's not about who we look like, it's about how we treat one another. How we take care of one another.

So this Christmas, let's think about how we will celebrate our adoption. As much as it is Jesus' birthday, it's also our "gotcha day" — the day we received the gift of eternal family.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Gloria in Excelsis Deo! *Solemnity of Christmas Day*

The angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." ~Luke 2:10 -14

Glory to God in the highest! The celebration of the glorious birth of Christ the Lord has begun... Merry Christmas!

Try to put yourself in the shoes of these shepherds. Little excitement would have regularly come their way. They were poor, simple shepherds who spent their days and nights tending the sheep of the fields. That night, a group of them had gathered together for camaraderie. It's easy to imagine the scene of normal talking, laughing and being together. Little did they realize what was about to happen.

As they were gathered, an angel of God appeared to them announcing "good news of great joy!" They must have been stunned. But that's only the beginning. The angel announced that the Savior of the World had been born and then, much to their surprise, they witnessed the whole host of heavenly angels singing praises: "*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*" "Glory to God in the highest!"

These humble shepherds were the first to be called by God to go and greet the newborn King. What's amazing is that God did not first call the "important" of the age to come worship. He called these poor shepherds.

One thing this tells us is that, in the eyes of God, all are equal. God does not pick favorites from among those who are seen as important in the eyes of the world. No, He sees the great value and dignity of each and every person and desires all of us, rich or poor, powerful or weak, to come to Him in adoration and love.

Christmas is a time filled with many exciting things. Often there are gifts and gatherings, food and good times. But more than anything else, Christmas must be seen as a time for us to step back and take in the deep and rich meaning of this sacred event. We must see, first, that God entered our human condition and, in doing so, is able to identify with all that we experience in life. God understands human life! He lived it.

Second, we must understand that the birth of the Savior of the World and His appearance to shepherds reveals that each and every one of us is invited to come and meet Him. God humbled Himself in the most profound way so that we could come to know Him and His perfect love for us. "Do not be afraid," as the angel said, to come and behold the Christ who came as your Savior. Do not be afraid to come to meet Him, love Him, adore Him and get to know Him. God is given to us, today, as an infant. Small, weak, fragile and innocent. Do not be afraid to gaze upon His humble presence and to give glory to God for His blessed coming.

~My Catholic Life - Daily Reflection

In Our Parish

Dear Parish Family,

Merry Christmas. While I could stop here, because that simple sentence, is probably the most important thing we need to hear right now, I will go a little further. This day of joy and great hope is one that we celebrate yearly. While bits and pieces of the day may change, the one thing that does not change is what we ACTUALLY celebrate today. The birth of Christ, the one who came into the world for all of us, our savior.

So, whatever it is you choose to do this year with family, friends, or even just in a limited way, take time to pause to celebrate what today is really for. In His birth, hope was born, salvation was born, for all the world. We should never forget what we celebrate at Christmas. Don't get me wrong, the gifts, the food, everything is great and is a good tradition to have as a family. Do not forget though, the most important tradition that we celebrate, the birth of Christ.

Take a few minutes to pause, to say Happy Birthday to Him. Wish those around you a Merry Christmas and celebrate Christmas.

God Bless and Merry Christmas,
Fr. Brian



A Christmas Blessing

O God, whose Son was born
In Bethlehem, on that
Wonderous night, lead us to
That same place, where Mary
Laid her tiny child.

As we look on in wonder and praise,
Make us welcome Him and all new life,
And care for His handiwork; the earth,
The sky and the sea.

O God, bless us again in Your
great love.

We pray for this through Christ
our Lord.
Amen.



St. Matthew's 2021 Calendar Raffle

3 Winning Tickets!

The St. Matthew the Apostle 2021 Calendar Raffle was a great success! Thanks to your kindness and support, a total of 562 tickets (343 Parishioners / 219 friends) were sold for a grand total of \$28,100!

The following prizes were awarded on Sunday, 12/12/22:

ticket #331 - \$3,000 - Friend
ticket #666 - \$3,000 - Parishioner
ticket #739 - \$3,000 - Parishioner



Total Prizes awarded: \$9,000

Thank you! We are blessed for the support of our faith community. Thank you to Bob Sciarelllo, Karen Sammond and the St. Matthew's fundraising team for all of their hard work and effort!

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

- Christmas Eve, Friday, 12/24/21 - 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm & 10:00 pm
*Christmas Pageant prior to the 5:00 pm Mass
- Christmas Mass, Saturday, 12/25/21 - 9:30 am & 11:00 am



- New Year's Eve Mass, Friday, 12/31/21 - 5:00 pm
- New Year's Day Mass, Saturday, 01/01/22 - 10:00 am
*no 5:00 pm mass

St. Matthew the Apostle Parish Office Closed

The St. Matthew's Parish office will be closed from Friday, December 24, 2021 - Sunday, January 2, 2022. During this time, office staff will be checking messages. Please feel free to leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. The office will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 9:00 am.



We wish you a Joyous and Blessed Christmas season!

St. Matthew's 2022 Parish Calendar



The St. Matthew's 2022 Parish Calendar (courtesy of Tuttle Funeral Home) is now available in the Gathering Space. Please pick one up at your convenience.

Happy New Year!

On the Lighter Side Call Ahead



Father John was nervous when he cast Jimmy, the middle school class clown, as Joseph in the annual Christmas pageant. His fears were realized when Jimmy decided to do a little improvisation by pulling out his cell phone in the pageant's opening scene.

The astonished priest, who was narrating, asked, "What are you doing with your phone?"

Jimmy smiled and replied, "This year I'm phoning that inn to make a reservation!"

CHRISTMAS



In Our Parish

Hope Builders

Bake Sale & Poinsettia Sale - thank you!



Thank you for supporting the Hope Builders Bake Sale and Poinsettia sale! We are grateful to have raised over \$1,000 through our bake sale and poinsettia sale! The funds will be used to offset the cost of our mission trip.

Thank you for your support! God Bless you!

Thanksgiving Collection and Donations

Thank you!

The St. Matthew's Thanksgiving food pantry collection for our neighbors in need was a huge success! Thanks to the generosity of our St. Matthew's family, we were able to donate 2,000 lbs of food to local food pantries and deliver them to families in need. We appreciate your kindness and generosity to ensure that a Happy Thanksgiving was had by all!

Thank you to Bill and Pam Ruane and Pete and Nancy Scimenes for packing and delivering our donations to local pantries. We appreciate your time and patience!



Thanks for Giving!

Trinity Lutheran Church

THANK YOU...Once again!!!

Our Thanksgiving morning food drive for Trinity Lutheran Church in Dover was a major success once again. Despite our need to once again make changes in our effort due to COVID, we delivered 9 trays of hot turkey and 10 apple pies to Trinity Church in Dover. They were most appreciative of our effort especially with the dire need to feed the homeless. Although we had to limit participation due to the pandemic, your financial support allowed us to fulfill this valuable service. Our sincere thanks and blessings to all who donated and participated in any way.

~ Deacon Ed and Sandie Keegan



Faith Kitchen

Progresso Soup Collection

The St. Matthew's Faith Kitchen Ministry is collecting donations of Progresso Soup. As the cold weather is upon us, soup provides a warm, nutritious meals for those in need. Donations may be left in the food pantry container in the Gathering Space. *Thank you for your support!*

Thank you

Tom and PeggyAnn Meola



Thank you to Tom and PeggyAnn Meola for their hard work and dedication in decorating St. Matthew's Parish throughout the year. They work to care for and decorate the church (inside and out!) for every Liturgical season.

Tom, PeggyAnn and the crew of volunteers did a wonderful job to prepare the church for the celebration of the birth of our Lord. Thank you for your time and talent. We are blessed to have you all as members of our Parish family.

We wish you a Blessed Christmas season!

2021 Christmas & Year End Donations

We would like to thank all St. Matthew's Parishioners and friends for your generous support and contributions to our Parish throughout the year. We are humbled at the generosity of so many people. Despite the turmoil in our work, your kindness and compassion for others abounds!

Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to provide food, clothing, gifts, financial resources and perhaps most importantly, *time* to those in need. We have worked to upgrade and improve our Parish to provide a safe, secure, healthy place for all to worship. Ours is truly a community of faith sharing and stewardship. God bless you!



As the Christmas season approaches and we come to the end of 2021, there is still time to make a final contribution year. Donations may be made via cash, check or credit card - in person, by mail or online using WeShare.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please feel free to contact the Parish office at (973) 584-1101.

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.



Evan Richard Berman
Son of Christopher & Christine Berman

Alexandra Jane Worden
Isabella Skye Worden
Daughters of Brian Worden & Amanda Doucette

We pray that Evan, Alexandra and Isabella and their families become active members of our Parish and that they find a spiritual home in the St. Matthew's Parish Community.

St. Matthew's - Weather Related Closings



As the winter weather approaches, St. Matthew's may experience weather related closings. Please be sure to check the Parish website, follow us on Facebook or call the Parish office (973) 584-1101 ext. 2 for inclement weather notices.

**Thank you to the many St. Matthew's Parishioners
for their beautiful Christmas flower donations**



Mr. & Mrs. Vincente Abrusia

Ms. Marion Brooks

Mr. & Mrs. John Carroll in memory of James & Sally Carroll and Louisa Throckmorton

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Ciuzio

Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Connors

Ms. Rosemary Costello

Mr. & Mrs. John DeNunzio in memory of the Petrillo and DeNunzio Families

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Dougherty

Ms. Gail Doyle

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Feeney

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Gangemi

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gaudio in memory of the Gaudio and Agresto families

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gerace

Mr. & Mrs. William Halley

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Hart

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Infante in memory of Frank & Anotinette Longo and Andrew & Amelia Infante

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kelly in memory of Alfred Joseph, Jean & Bill Vickers, Bob Joseph

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kelly in memory of June Poliseno and Marilyn Vezzuto

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kiefer in memory of Nana & Julia Rossilli

Mr. & Mrs. Ethan Klausner

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Klucharits

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Kowalik

Mr. & Mrs. James Loveys in memory of Ralph & Persis Loveys and Joanne O'Brien

Mr. & Mrs. Gery Magura in memory of Michael B. Magura

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Mantell

Mr. & Mrs. John McAndrew Jr.

Mrs. Maryann McGrane in memory of Jim McGrane

Ms. Beth McNeill

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Murphy

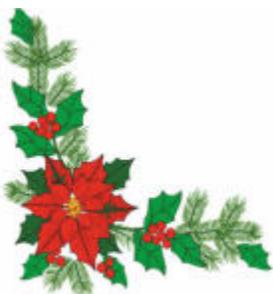
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Nalbach

Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Oliva

Ms. Lucrezia Olivo

Mr. & Mrs. Brian O'Toole

Mr. & Mrs. John Potter



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Mr. & Mrs. Louis Riggio in memory of all those who came before us
Mr. & Mrs. William Ruane
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Sciarello
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Scimenes
Mr. & Mrs. Carmen Spagnuolo
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Ternosky
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vacca in memory of the Vacca and Krautle families
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Wagner
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Weber
Mr. & Mrs. George Zacieracha

Gospel Meditation
The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2021

"He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188)." The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God's intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God's beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God's birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.

2021 Diocesan Ministries Appeal
Let Your Light Shine

With the year coming to an end, many people plan to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact. Please consider the Diocesan Ministries Appeal (DMA) which helps so many of your brothers and sisters in Christ. In fact, tens of thousand of people are supported each year by the work of our Diocese with assistance from the Appeal. All of us can play a part in the DMA - as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission - and all are blessed as a result.

Please make the DMA a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit card or online at www.2021appeal.org. May God bless you for your generosity.



Shopper's Club Cards

St. Matthew's invites you to participate in our Shopper's Club fundraising Program. We receive a profit of 5% - 10% from gift card purchases from participating sponsors (see below). Cards are available in increments of \$20 - \$100 and may be purchased after all masses or in the Parish Office. The Shopper's Club fundraiser earned \$3,000+ during the last fiscal year at **NO COST to you!**

Participating businesses include:
ShopRite, Acme, Rosie's Trattoria, 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 your support!



THIS CHRISTMAS, GIVE YOUR GIFTS ONLINE



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Support our church today using your debit or credit card or checking or savings account.

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Visit stmatthewsrandolph.churchgiving.com.

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Select the collection or event of your choice.

3

Set up your donation or payment. That's it!



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In Our Parish

Marthas & Marys

Creating a Life with "Margin"
January 15, 2022



So many of us live our lives on overload. We eat too much, spend money we don't have and struggle to keep up with our commitments, all the while saying yes to more and more. We long for simpler times and a slower pace of life but don't know how to make that a reality.

At the next meeting, Martha & Marys will explore the concept of "Margin." Margin is the antidote to overload. It is the cure to many of our modern day stressors. It is about cultivating what matters and getting rid of what doesn't so that we can live life with breathing room.

If you want to begin 2022 on a different foot and create a more enriching way of life, join us on January 15 at 8:00 am in Bauer Hall.

Marthas & Marys (M&Ms) is a women's social group united in faith supporting one another to find the courage to allow God to satisfy our spiritual hunger and to guide our hearts and lives. Join us for a time of community, reflection, discussion and fun. No advanced preparation or homework necessary. Just time with other women.

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 has been a long standing tradition of the Catholic church 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.

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. Flocknote offers an ideal resource to stay connected with the St. Matthew's community and share timely information.

There are two ways in which you may register: The easiest way to sign-up is to visit:

<https://stmatthewsrandolph.flocknote.com>.

If you prefer, you may *Text-to-Join* by sending the keyword SMR in the body of the text to 84576. The best part is that your family may have individual emails and phone numbers associated for each person who signs up.



Kids Korner



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

MARY
JOSEPH
HOLY SPIRIT

WEDDING
ANGEL
DREAM

BABY
JESUS
VIRGIN

V I R G I N T H W I S
J C S H U J O S E P H
D R E A M R W I D A O
S O B Y A O N U D G W
M E N G R W E A I S D
T B A B Y B M O N A E
R E N D R O I T G J O
S P G O H F J E S U S
K A E I V N A G M D L
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S R H N E D L S E H A

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 Fr. Brian directly in the Parish office 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.

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

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| 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 |
| Eucharistic Adoration | Tom & PeggyAnn Meola | (973) 895-4437 |
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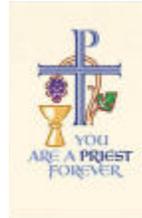
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Rev. David McDonnell
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Please note that seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to attend, please see the flyer in the Gathering Space.

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