

# St. Matthew Parish

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**We welcome you to the Catholic Community of St. Matthew and the celebration of the Eucharist.**



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## **FINANCE COMMISSION:**

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## **BIRTHPLACE HELPLINE:**

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1-800-227-3002

## **WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

## **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

9:00 a.m. - Monday\*,  
8:00 a.m. - Tuesday\*, Thursday\*, Friday\*  
\*Check weekly bulletin for possible time changes.

## **BAPTISMS:**

Parents who want to have their child(ren) baptized are asked to please call the parish office (793-2244).

## **WEDDINGS:**

Anyone planning to get married must call the parish office at least SIX MONTHS PRIOR to the proposed wedding date.

## **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday at 3:00 p.m.,  
AND ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT.

## **NEW PARISHIONERS:**

Welcome to St. Matthew Parish. Please fill out the Parish Membership Form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

## **DOMESTIC ABUSE HOTLINE:**

324-1802 or 1-800-239-7298

## **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:**

[www.portlanddiocese.org/protecting-gods-children](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/protecting-gods-children)

We joyfully welcome back to the Church any of our brothers and sisters who may have been away.

### **PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Check  
\_\_\_\_ New Registration      \_\_\_\_ Updating Info.  
\_\_\_\_ Change of Address      \_\_\_\_ Moving out of Parish

TODAY IS THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. THE READINGS BEGIN ON PAGE 63 OF THE MISSALETTE.



### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEKEND

**Saturday**  
4:00 p.m. *Holy Souls in Purgatory by Bob Smyth*  
**Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. *Irene DesVergnes by Trish Clifford*  
10:30 a.m. *Stephen Bohmiller*  
*By The Wednesday Fiber Arts Group*

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday**  
9:00 a.m. *Theresa Gilblair by George & Judy Duranleau*  
**Tuesday**  
8:00 a.m. *Our Lady of the Rosary by Constance Cote*  
**Wednesday**  
8:00 a.m. *Msgr. Robert Lavoie by Constance Cote*  
6:30 p.m. *Henry McKeown by Frank & Betty Amoroso*  
**Thursday**  
8:00 a.m. *Sawyer Cote by Jackie & Martial Dube*  
**Friday**  
8:00 a.m. *All Souls in Purgatory*

### MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND (March 9 & 10)

**Saturday**  
4:00 p.m. *Peter Donnellan by Paul Donnellan*  
**Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. *Intentions of the Parishioners*  
10:30 a.m. *Maurice Lamontagne by Viola Bergeron*

### Readings for the Week of March 3, 2019

**Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45  
**Monday:** Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27  
**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31  
**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25  
**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15  
**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32  
**Next Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



*Would you like to have the Sanctuary Lamp burn in the church for your loved one? There is a list in the Narthex you can sign up for the weeks you want. Donations of \$10 for 7 Days and \$20 for 14 Days.*

*Sanctuary Lamp burning:*

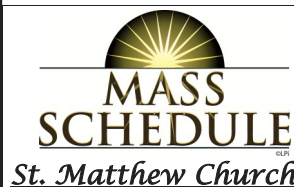
Feb. 25th - Mar. 3rd - Kenneth Gagne  
Mar. 4th - Mar. 10th - Intentions of Mark Francis  
Mar. 11th - Mar. 17th - Joe Estrella  
Mar. 18th - Mar. 24th - STILL AVAILABLE

### Pastor's Ponderings

This coming Wednesday we begin the Holy Season of Lent. We mark ourselves with ashes as a reminder that we need to humble ourselves before God, turn away from our sinful ways and believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ. Prayer, fasting and the giving of alms are the traditional tools at our disposal to assist us in becoming better disciples. They are not magical actions, however. If one decides to fast from drinking coffee only to drink more tea, there probably is not going to be much spiritual growth. The same is true of collecting spare change to give to charity. Our sacrificial fasting and almsgiving need to open our eyes to some of the ways that things dominate our lives in ways that we are blocked from God and the things of God. So, for example, I choose not to go out to eat twice a week during Lent. I then reflect upon how many people do not have enough food to eat in our community and throughout the world. Perhaps, I will pray for them more intentionally, think about ways that I may waste food, or become involved in supporting programs that seek to feed those who are hungry year-round, and not simply for forty days. Lent is not an endurance test to withstand, but a retreat to open our hearts and minds. That is why it is vital to have a plan of action before Lent begins. Is my Lenten discipline significant and sustainable for the entire seasons of Lent? Will it address an area of my life that needs attention with regards to my relationship with God? That is, am I foregoing desserts just to lose some weight before summer, or freeing up some time to pray after dinner or support a local food pantry?

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday of days of fasting and abstinence. Those over 14 years old are to not eat meat. Those between 18 and 60 are to eat simply, with two smaller meals not exceeding the main meal of the day.

If you have not yet filled out the parish survey, please go online this weekend to [www.disciplemakerindex.com](http://www.disciplemakerindex.com) or pick up a paper copy and return it. The survey will end on March 18<sup>th</sup>, so time is running out.



**Saturday:** 4:00 PM  
**Sunday:** 8:00 AM  
10:30 AM  
**Monday:** 9:00 AM\*  
**Tue, Thur, Fri:** 8:00 AM\*

\*Subject to priest availability.

### St. Therese Lesieux Parish

**Saturday:** 4:00 PM  
Holy Family, Sanford  
**Sunday:**  
8:30 AM  
Holy Family, Sanford  
10:30 AM  
Holy Family, Sanford

**MTWF** 7:30 AM During the Winter, Daily Mass is at Holy Family. The Rest of the Year, it alternates Between the two Worship Sites



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**Wings:** Will be meeting Tuesday, March 5 from 7-9 For more information please contact Debbie Wentworth by phone at 978-618-1636 or by email at [wentworth80@verizon.net](mailto:wentworth80@verizon.net)

**Journey Through Lent with WINGS**

WINGS, Women in God's Spirit, is a faith enrichment group for women of all ages who want to grow in their relationship with God. Meetings consist of prayer, song, scripture, faith sharing, and of course, hospitality! **We will meet for six consecutive Wednesday nights, March 12th - April 16th from 7-9 pm in the church hall**  
We will use "Lenten Longings - Seeing with God's Eyes" by Renew International. Books are \$8 and can be ordered on the Renew Website, Amazon, or join the group book order. Sign-up Saturday or Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> after all masses, or contact Debbie Wentworth by phone at 978-618-1636 or by email at [wentworth80@verizon.net](mailto:wentworth80@verizon.net)



**BLOOD DRIVE:** The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive in the parish hall Monday, March 4th, from 1-6PM If you are in good health please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) to schedule your appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. Give blood save lives. FMI Isaiah Mosher 207-210-4696.

**COMMUNITY LUNCHEON:** Please join us on Tuesday, March 5th, for our Community Luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m., in the parish hall. Those attending are asked to bring a salad, casserole or dessert. BINGO games for prizes are held after the luncheon.



**FUNSHINE MEETING:** We will be conducting our first meeting on Tuesday, March 5th in the meeting room downstairs at 6pm.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** We will practice for the next Children's Liturgy on Sunday evening from 6 - 7 p.m. on March 10th. We will sing on Sunday March 17th. Mark your calendars! Questions: call Gail Libby 207-423-5998

**The BE Attitudes: Ten Paths to Holiness.** This is the focus of a DVD series we are offering during Lent, which features Father Albert Haase, O.F.M., an inspiring retreat master and spiritual mentor to hundreds. This retreat will help us discover our own unique way to grow in holiness, no matter what occupation or role we play in life. Five sessions, according to the following schedule: Thursdays, 8:45-10:15 AM, starting March 7; Sundays, 9:00-10:15 AM, starting March 10; and Sundays, 4:00-5:30 PM, starting March 10. Attend one or more sessions. Sign-up in the Narthex or contact Deacon Paul at 793-224

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS, BENEDICTION  
SOUP AND BREAD SCHEDULE**

The Worship & Spirituality Commission will again sponsor Soup and Bread in the Parish Hall, following Stations of the Cross and Benediction, at 6:00 P.M. on Fridays in Lent, according to following schedule:

March 8	Stations and Benediction, followed by Soup and Bread
March 15	Stations and Benediction, followed by Soup and Bread
March 22	Stations and Benediction, followed by Soup and Bread
March 29	Stations*, followed by Soup and Bread conducted by members of <b>WINGS</b> (Women in God's Spirit). *Note NO Benediction
April 5	Benediction and Stations of the Cross, followed by Soup and Bread (Note: First Friday extend Adoration to 6pm)
April 12	Stations and Benediction, followed by Soup and Bread
April 19	Stations at 3:00 P.M. - No meal. Good Friday Liturgy in the Evening at 7:00 P.M.

**PARISH FINANCES**

Amount <b>needed</b> weekly to operate parish	\$ 3,900.00
WESHARE Online Giving 2/26/19	\$ 67.50
Offertory 2/24/19	\$ 2,360.00
February 2019 OFFERTORY	\$ 13,063.00

WHAT SHALL I BRING TO THE LORD, THE GOD OF HEAVEN, WHEN I COME TO WORSHIP HIM? - Micah 6:6

**ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION:** **Week of the Solidarity Fund Appeal**  
On Ash Wednesday, we take up the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but many face the challenges of poverty, disease, food shortages, and migration. This collection is our opportunity to stand with the people of Africa by supporting pastoral projects that are so needed on this continent. Please be generous today. To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

**Next Week's Second Collection:** The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

**AN INVITATION TO THE MEN OF ST MATTHEW'S PARISH.  
THAT MAN IS YOU! (TMIY!)**

The men of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish in Sanford have been participating in this program for three years and would like to invite the men of St Matthew's Parish to join us. We meet once a week for thirteen weeks for one hour preceded by a social time. The focus is: "Becoming a man after God's own heart". There is a half hour video provided by the parent organization, Paradisus Dei ([paradisusdei.org](http://paradisusdei.org)), followed by small group discussion. We are currently beginning a special Lenten Spiritual Journey that many men would find helpful in focusing themselves and their families on the Lenten season and preparation for Easter. We invite you to join us to see what the program is all about and whether you might be interested in continuing. Meetings are available twice a week: Wed. at 6:30PM at Bishop Cote Hall at Notre Dame Church, 10 Payne St, Springvale; and Sat. at 7:00AM in St Thomas School, 69 North Ave, Sanford. FMI contact Dan Rooney, 608-0534, [yugoirish@metrocaster.net](mailto:yugoirish@metrocaster.net), or Kevin Neely, 651-5979, [kevinpneely@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinpneely@yahoo.com). Thank you and God Bless you all.

**ST. MATTHEW CHURCH FOOD PANTRY**

THE PANTRY SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 10am-12pm  
1st Monday 6-7pm  
2nd Friday 10am - 12pm

**\*\*Serving residents of Limerick, Newfield, Parsonsfield or parishioners.**

St. Matthew Food Pantry is always in need of a few items they have a hard time purchasing from Good Shepherd. Would you be willing to donate these items? A collection container can be found in the Narthex.

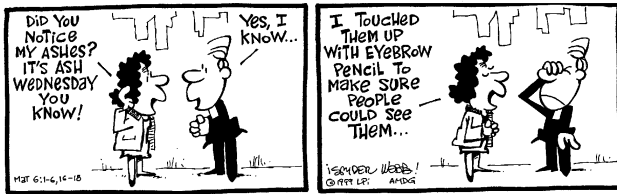
Coffee & Tea	Hamburger Helper	Condiments
Pasta	Spaghetti Sauce	Chef Boyardee
Canned Meat	Jelly & Jams	Soups
Hot Cocoa	Cereal	Oatmeal

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!

**Plastic & paper bags are needed for the Food Pantry. You may leave them in the narthex.**



ASH WEDNESDAY



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**Q** *Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?*

**A** Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern for the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent?

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### IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROGRAM "PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN"

In the **interest of children's safety**, we ask that children **not be allowed to leave Mass** to use the restrooms downstairs, **unless they are accompanied by an adult**. Because we are a public building, doors are required to be unlocked, allowing entrance to all.

**MARCH 3, 2019**

Please include the following priests serving in our diocese in your daily prayers this week:

Mar	03	Bishop Robert P. Deeley, JCD
Mar	04	Rev. John d'Anjou SJ/Rev. Normand Richard
Mar	05	Rev. Richard MacDonough SS/Rev. Vincent Mellone
Mar	06	Rev. Joseph Cahill/Rev. David Raymond
Mar	07	Rev. Thomas Lee/Rev. Joseph Daniels
Mar	08	Rev. David Affleck/Rev. Robert Levens SJ
Mar	09	Rev. Andrew Bisson OFM/Rev. Augustin Sebasthian HGN

*Heavenly Father, during this penitential season, we pray that the Blood of Jesus may kindle in the hearts of our priests the divine fire of Your love by their devotion to the Eucharist.*

**Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, Foundress**



*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45*

**VOCATION VIEW** "Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life." Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Contact Father Seamus Griesbach at 207-773-6471; or email: [seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org); Website: [www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations); Facebook: VocationsME.

## **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**FR. RICHARD A. NADEAU SCHOLARSHIP:** This scholarship was established in honor of our former Pastor, Father Richard Nadeau, to help pay for education in Catholic secondary schools for deserving members of St. Matthew Parish. It is an award given annually and made in the form of a check sent directly to the Catholic secondary school attended. Application forms are available in the parish office and are **due back no later than April 1, 2018.**

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** announces an annual **scholarship** to be awarded to provide financial assistance Saint Matthew's parish students attending parochial high school, secondary trade school, or undergraduate college. The objective of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to the student who works to the best of his/her academic ability and is involved in supporting school, church, and community activities. Application forms are available in the church office or the Narthex and will be accepted until April 1st.