#### **BAPTISMS**

All Baptism inquiries must begin by filling out a Baptism form on our web site at <a href="www.stmatthew.net/baptism-faq">www.stmatthew.net/baptism-faq</a>. Mandatory preparation sessions are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month at 1:00 p.m.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Marriage preparation must begin at least 6 months before a desired wedding date. All inquiries begin on the Parish website at www.stmatthew.net/sacraments-services/marriage where you register for a Theology of Marriage Session. Sessions are held every other month on the third Wednesday of the month from 7:00–9:00 p.m.

#### **ANOINTING & VISITATION OF THE SICK**

Contact the Parish Office to be anointed at church or your home before your procedure and to arrange for visits afterwards. Please notify the parish staff regarding any aged or ill who are confined.

#### PARISH CLERGY - 614-471-0212

Fr. Theodore K. Sill, Pastor

Fr. Peter Asantebwana, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Michael Nimocks,

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Joseph Meyer,

Rev. Mr. Jerry Butts, Retired & In Holy Service

Rev. Mr. Larry Koebel, Retired & In Holy Service

### PARISH OFFICE STAFF - 614-471-0212

Business Manager: Leo Grimes

Director of Athletics: Eileen Buzenski - 614-478-8533

Director of Music: Dawn Shininger - 614-532-0627

Facilities Superintendent: George Harvey Pastoral Associate: Mary Thompson

Staff and Mission Manager: Jenna Zins

# PARISH FAITH FORMATION

Catholic Inquiry/Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Jennifer Cabe – 614-532-0626, <u>jcabe@stmatthew.net</u>

Parish School of Religion (PSR) and Evangelization Director:

Ashley Hettinger – 614-471-2067, ahettinger@stmatthew.net

 $PSR\ Secretary: Malinda\ Moloney, \underline{mmoloney@stmatthew.net}$ 

Preschool Sunday School Coordinator & Family Ministry Coordinator:

Julie Ratliff, <u>jratliff@stmatthew.net</u>

Middle School Youth Minister & Confirmation Coordinator:

Erin Upp - 614-532-0622, eupp@stmatthew.net

High School Youth Minister:

Maggie Smith - 614-532-0622, msmith@stmatthew.net

# PARISH SCHOOL - PRE-K-GRADE 8 - 614-471-4930

Principal: Mrs. Susan Maloy 795 Havens Corners Road Web: www.cdstmatthew.org

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# **CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY - 614-471-5320**

Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

# PARISH REGISTRATION

The 3rd Sunday of the month after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Undercroft of the Church. Sign up for a registration session at <a href="https://www.stmatthew.net/new-parishioner-registration-session">www.stmatthew.net/new-parishioner-registration-session</a>.

## **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Announcements must be submitted to Hillarie Michaels by email to <a href="mailto:hmichaels@stmatthew.net">hmichaels@stmatthew.net</a> by 12:00 noon on Monday.



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Masses

Weekends: Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday – 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon & 5:00 p.m.

Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin

or website.

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday -

6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Saturday – 8:30 a.m.

Confessions

Wednesday: 7:00-7:30 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m.
Sunday: 11:00-11:45 a.m.

Or by appointment.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES

MONDAY, APRIL 8 - Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

or Dn 13:41c-62; Jn 8:12-20

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Kyle Walsh

8:30 a.m. Mary Jo Mangia/Salvatore Mangia

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 - Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Susan Maloy/Valin Family

8:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 - Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

6:30 a.m. Martin Cangialosi/Jenkins Family

8:30 a.m. Msgr. Edward McFarland/Cathy Tennenbaum

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 - Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

6:30 a.m. Intentions of Mark Oppenheimer/Valin Family 8:30 a.m. Katie Widmayer/Dennis & Angela Widmayer

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 - Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

6:30 a.m. Hannah Gorcher Connor/Roger L. Connor

8:30 a.m. Betty Ann Everson/Family

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13 –** *Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56* 

8:30 a.m. Janice Williams/Dcn. Joe & Maureen Meyer 5:00 p.m. Intentions of Susan & Jerry Brown

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14 –** *Lk* 19:28-40; *Is* 50:4-7; *Phil* 2:6-11;

Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

8:00 a.m. Valentino Skunza/Hetterscheidt Family

10:00 a.m. Loreto Dalicandro/Joanne Mangia

12:00 p.m. Ralph J. Napolitano/Emily Napolitano

5:00 p.m. For Saint Matthew Parishioners/

Fr. Theodore K. Sill

STEWARDSHIP						
2018-2019 Through	March 31, 2019	Year to Date				
Parish Budgeted Expenses	\$42,115.00	\$1,684,600.00				
Contributions	\$41,916.25	\$1,567,421.46				
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$ 198.75)	(\$ 117,178.54)				

Note: Saint Matthew's fiscal year is July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Contributions include offertory and mortgage payment donations.

# DISCIPLESHIP

How can I begin my Journey? It's as simple as 1-2-3:

- 1. Participate 1 hour per week in community prayer (Sunday Mass).
- 2. Devote 1 hour per week volunteering in a parish ministry.
- 3. Contribute 1 hour of weekly income (2.5%) for financial support.

WORSHIP · OUTREACH · EDUCATION · FELLOWSHIP

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES							
	SATURDAY, APRIL 13 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, APRIL 14 8.00 A.M.	SUNDAY, APRIL 14 10:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, APRIL 14 12:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, APRIL 14 5:00 P.M.		
		NUMBERS IN BRACKETS DENOTE IN-HOME GROUP					
		Max Maksimoski (rmaksimoski@stmatthew.net - 614-607-4799)					
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	Mike Barr Toni Barr Joan Hess Eileen Negutt Mila McNamee Sue Ritter	Jeff Klein Rita Klein (6) David Macynski (1) Susan Eyerman (2) Mary Humphrey Mary Campanelli (4)	Cheryl Harmon Karen Lackey Marilyn Jenkins Carol Ann Lombardi Michelle Lantz Olga M. Magyar Mike McFadden Sue McFadden	Molly Fanning Tim Bray Jonni Masters Heather McKay Tom Mignery Rosemary Whitt	Debbie Sears Gina Sergio Max Maksimoski Denise Maksimoski Heather Thompson Andrew Prociuk		
LECTORS	Gus Gastaldo Joan Hess	Mary Humphrey Pete Richards	Carol Ann Lombardi Shawn Miller	Maura Gibson Tim Bray	Abigail Groff Max Maksimoski		
IN HOME	Connie Wood (5)						
	Vicki Wengert (vwengert@icloud.com – 614-270-2118)						
SACRISTANS	Angel Rice	George Harvey	Marianne Buzzelli	Vicki Wengert/ Mary Thompson	Gina Sergio		
SERVERS	Lauren Blausey Bailey Buerger Jack Burgan Benetta Hartman Andrea Millenbaugh Colleen Millenbaugh	Evelyn Cahill Sophie Calendo Donovan McGovern Ian Shannon Audrey Strapp Lily Wieging	Casey Althouse Samantha Bernard Leah Carter Zoe Carter Rebecca Gebhart Kendall Ramsey	Angeline Chintala Porter Lacey Rosie Letzelter Ava Navarro Adam Ryzenga Ray Ryzenga	Andrea Barrera Ian Callahan Thomas Dougherty Racheal Fife Adeline McCusker Marielle Mitchell		

# PARISH ACTIVITIES

# SAINT MATTHEW SCHOOL NEWS

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

Friends Across Time (4Wn) – 9:30-10:30 a.m. – St. Anthony Room Drama Club Performances – 6:00 & 7:30 p.m. – Hutta

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**

All School Mass – 8:30 a.m. – Church Drama Club Performances – 6:00 & 7:30 p.m. – Hutta

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Confirmation Rehearsal – 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Church

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Stations of the Cross – 10:30 a.m. (K-3); 1:30 p.m. (4-8) – Church
Confirmation Mass – 7:00 p.m. – Church

# PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT** for information on this summer's Catholic Kids Camp. Information and registration will be available beginning **Thursday, April 11** on St. Matthew's website. If you are interested in having your child(ren) participate in this year's program, you should register as soon as the information is available. This camp usually does fill up and we WILL be enforcing strict limits on how many students can attend.

PARENTS... please remember that your student's At-Home lesson is due when we return to class today, Sunday, April 7.

**RECONCILIATION** for all PSR students will be <u>today</u>, **Sunday April 7** from **6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the Church. Parents, we welcome and encourage you to receive this sacrament at this time as well. Lent is a great time for all of us to renew our hearts and lives by receiving God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**PSR FAMILY NIGHT** will be held next **Sunday, April 14** during class time. Please remember that at least one parent must accompany your child(ren). We will meet in the PAC gym with sign-in as usual.

NO PSR ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21... as it will be Easter!

**THE FIRST COMMMUNION RETREAT** will be on **Sunday, April 28** from 1:00-4:00 p.m. All school and PSR First Communicants are required to attend the retreat with at least one parent to accompany their child. Please remember to bring your First Communion Banner to the retreat. If you are unable to attend for some reason, please contact Ashley Hettinger at ahettinger@stmatthew.net or 614-471-2067, ext. 1301.

**PSR COMES TO A CLOSE** on Sunday, May 5 with a closing Family Night. Be on the lookout for 2019-2020 PSR registration which will open in May *(date TBD)*.

# OPPORTUNITIES IN MUSIC MINISTRY

**HANDBELL CHOIR** – All rehearsals are Tuesdays from **7:00-8:15 p.m.** in the music room behind the choir loft. The choir prepares music to play monthly at Mass. Interested in joining or finding out more? Contact Dawn Shininger, Director of Music, at dshininger@ stmatthew.net.

**ADULT CHOIR** – Rehearsals will be held on <u>specified Thursday evenings</u> from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Request more details from Dawn Shininger, Director of Music, at dshininger@stmatthew.net. The choir sings at every 10:00 Mass from October through Pentecost Sunday (early June 2019), meeting at 9:20 a.m. each Sunday. New members invited and welcome!

**YOUTH CHOIR** – All youth in grades 2-6 are welcome to join. Practices will be every Tuesday through April 16 from **6:00-6:45 p.m.** in the choir loft. For any questions or a schedule, please contact Dawn Shininger, Director of Music, at 614-471-0212, ext. 1117, or dshininger@stmatthew.net.

**TEEN CHOIR** – The Parish Teen Choir sings on the 4th Sunday of each month at the 12:00 p.m. Mass. All interested middle school and high school students are welcome. Please contact Dawn Shininger, Director of Music, at dshininger@stmatthew.net or 614-471-0212, ext. 1117, for details. Service Hours for Confirmation can be earned through this Ministry.

# IN OUR PARISH

**EXULT PRAISE AND WORSHIP -** Please join us next **Saturday**, **April 13** for Exult: an evening of Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction/ and Praise & Worship. We will gather in the Church from **7:30-8:30 p.m.** to pray silently, Adore our Lord, and raise our voices in song. Feel free to join for all or some of the hour. Everyone is welcome!

**PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITY -** Household items are being collected for St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry, St. Philip Food Pantry and JOIN, the emergency aid office for the inner city. **Bath soap, shampoo** and **solid deodorant** are items that are greatly needed by our Charitable Works. Drop-off boxes are located in the School and the vestibule at the south entrance to the Church.

NO MONTHLY DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP IN APRIL — Are you a caregiver to someone with dementia? An Alzheimer's/dementia support group is offered by Gene Poirier the second Monday of the month. There will not be a meeting in April. The next one is Monday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Gabriel Room. Gene was a caregiver for his wife until her passing and is currently a volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association and an outspoken advocate for Alzheimer's awareness. He offers his experience and insight to three different support groups. The group is open to all dementia caregivers and offers practical advice and information to help them cope with this difficult responsibility. No registration is necessary. You may contact Gene at genepoirier779@gmail.com or 614-855-2199.

# WHY ARE THE STATUES VEILED?

Today on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, you will notice purple cloths draped over crucifixes, statues, and images of saints in the Church. In some Churches, these items are actually removed from the sanctuary altogether.

This custom of veiling religious images is a way of focusing on the penitential aspect of this liturgical season. As churches veil their statues, it is a reminder for all of us to withdraw/retreat from the world in order to devote more time, penance, and prayer to the Lord in the closing weeks of Lent. It demonstrates, in a visual way, that our faith is made possible only through the work of Christ in His suffering and death.

The tradition is practiced during the last two weeks before Easter, starting on Passion Sunday (the Sunday prior to Palm Sunday) and ending on Good Friday. This time period was originally called Passiontide. Even though it is no longer called by this name as often, the tradition is still practiced in many places.

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO FOR LENT?** Why not visit the sick, elderly or homebound? I am sure that it would please our Lord, who gave His life for us, if you would give a small portion of your life to give a listening ear and heart to someone in a care facility or living alone in their home. Contact Carol Ann Lombardi for more information at 614-478-4328 or ezcalomba@gmail.com.



# **CALL TO PRAYER FOR OUR NATION**

We can help our country turn back to God through prayer. It can change hearts, our families, our communities, our country and our world. Please join us to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary for our Nation on every first Sunday of the month. The next one is today, **Sunday, April 7**. It will be held in the Church at **3:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome.

**CONFESSIONS** will be heard in Lent at the following times: Wednesdays: 7:00-7:30 a.m.; Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 p.m.; Sundays: 9:00-9:45 a.m., 11:00-11:45 a.m. and 4:00-4:45 p.m. Additional confession times are **Monday, April 15** from **6:00-7:00 p.m.** and **Wednesday, April 17** from **6:00-7:00 p.m.** 

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be Fridays in Lent at **10:30 a.m.** (with grades K-3) and **1:30 p.m.** (with grades 4-8). There will be no 7:00 p.m. Stations on Friday, April **12**, due to Confirmation.

**EASTER FLOWERS** – It has been a tradition in our parish to remember a loved one by making a contribution to our Easter flowers. (Suggested donation is \$10.00.) An envelope for Easter Flowers is included in our monthly and quarterly packet of offertory envelopes. Envelopes are also available at the Ushers' Station. Please <u>clearly print</u> the name of the person(s) you wish to remember and drop the envelope in the collection basket by <u>today</u>, **Sunday**, **April 7**. Thank you.

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS – The St. Matthew School 8th Graders will perform the *Living Stations* of the Cross on Tuesday, April 16 at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Noble Center.

**ALTAR SERVER SIGN-UP NOTICE FOR EASTER MASSES** – We are asking for altar servers to sign up to serve the Easter Masses. *The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Server Sacristy.* Thank you for your help!

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION — Tropical Cyclone Idai hit Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi in mid-March, leaving a wake of destruction in its path. "The scale of this disaster is tremendous," said Dorrett Byrd, Catholic Relief Services' Regional Director for Southern Africa. "Not only did people lose their lives, but roads have been destroyed; bridges have collapsed; low-lying crops have been wiped out; and thousands of people have lost their homes in each of the affected countries. We're working with our partners to get people clean water, food, and other basic necessities, but these communities will need long-term support to fully recover from all of the devastation." Your contribution to the Holy Thursday Collection will support CRS's efforts to provide help to those whose lives have been devastated by the cyclone.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION – Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to this collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

SECOND COLLECTION AT ALL EASTER MASSES – Thank you to all faithful parishioners who have prayed fervently in our new Church building since 2004. After 14 years of steady growth and an increase in Liturgical activity, the need has arisen to replace the padding on the kneelers. This Easter, you can help make this possible. We will have a second collection at each Easter Mass for the purpose of refurbishing the kneelers. Good liturgy matters, praying people matter, you matter. We thank you in advance for your prayers for this project and for any and all generous donations.

#### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**

# **HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. – <u>No morning Masses;</u> Liturgy of the Hours prayed

7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. – No morning Masses; Liturary of the Hours prayed

3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

#### **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

8:30 a.m. - No morning Mass

11:00 a.m. – Blessing of the Easter Meal – St. Anthony Room  $\underline{NO}$  5:00 p.m. Mass

8:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass

# **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

(There will be NO 5:00 p.m. Mass.)

**PLEASE NOTE** – The nursery will NOT be staffed on Easter (or during the Easter Vigil) so our volunteers can be with their families.

**BLESSING OF THE EASTER MEAL** – A blessing of the Easter meal will take place on **Holy Saturday, April 20** at **11:00 a.m.** in the Saint Anthony Room. All are welcome to participate.

ATTENTION, ADORATION CHAPEL ADORERS – According to the Church's guidance and as is our tradition, the Adoration Chapel is closed during the most holy days of the Triduum when we celebrate Jesus' passion, death and burial. This year, the Chapel will remain closed for a few more days while work is being done on the heating and cooling system. Therefore, the Chapel will close at 4:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday, April 18, and reopen on Wednesday, April 24, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**AN INVITATION TO COME HOME** – We are beginning a program to reach out to parishioners who are no longer actively participating in Parish life. If you are interested in participating in this Ministry, please contact Pat Martin at irishspeaker1@gmail.com. Training will be provided. Thank you!

THE GOLDEN MUSTANGS 55+ GROUP will meet for brunch after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Thursday, April 11 in the St. Anthony Room. Following brunch, Fr. Peter will lead us in the Stations of the Cross. Mark your calendar for our next gathering on Thursday, May 16 with fellow parishioner, Frank Hartge, Catholic Man of the Year, speaking about the Serra Club. If you have any questions, please contact JoEllen Vickers at 614-475-5086 or jfancellivickers@yahoo.com or Paul Rovnak at 614-205-9396 or pjrovnak@msn.com.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** – St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Parish is participating in the 40 Days for Life, a coordinated, national campaign to bring continuous prayer to local abortion clinics and sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life. Our Parish has adopted **Saturday, April 13** from **7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.** The vigil will be held at Founder's Women's Health Care Center, 1243 East Broad Street, Columbus, 43205. We are asking that a minimum of two volunteers sign up to pray at the clinic for each hour-long shift. A sign-up sheet is located in the Gathering Space. If you cannot pray on our adopted day, you are still welcome to volunteer for another time during the 40 Days at www.40DaysforLife.com/local-campaigns/columbus. For more information, please contact Heather Bernard at hlbernard75@gmail. com.

# LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Good Friday** is a day of both fast and abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal and two lesser meals on these days for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those who are 14 years of age and older.

**Weekdays of Lent** – There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Easter Duty – All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, from the first Sunday of Lent (March 10) to Trinity Sunday (June 16), unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at some other time during the year. After having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year.

**THE ST. MATTHEW BOOK CLUB** will meet on **Wednesday**, **April 24** at **6:30 p.m.** in the Saint Gabriel Room. We will be discussing the book *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity* by Matthew Kelly. All are welcome.

GRIEFSHARE – If you have recently lost a loved one or a close friend, please join us for the next GriefShare session. We will accompany you on your grief journey and offer you loving support and comfort. The eight (8) week session begins on Monday, April 29 and runs through Monday, June 24 (no class on Memorial Day). Sessions will be from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the St. Raphael Room. A workbook is available for use throughout the session for a one-time fee of \$30.00. Please contact Mary Lager at 614-395-9099 or mary0613@hotmail. com for more details or if you have questions. We look forward to helping ease the pain and sorrow accompanied with your loss.

**MONTHLY EUCHRE AND POTLUCK** – All are invited to join us tomorrow, **Monday**, **April 8** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Saint Anthony Room for a Potluck Supper and fun night of Euchre. A "card" partner <u>is not needed</u> – come enjoy!

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** The next Parishioner Registration Session is <u>next</u> **Sunday, April 14**, immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Undercroft. Come register and find out more about our Parish family. To register for the session, please visit http://www.stmatthew.net/new-parishioner-registration-session. (*There will not be a donut social this month.*)

**RCIA** – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which those who wish to join the Catholic faith community are welcomed and introduced to the beliefs and practices of the Church. If you have been thinking about the Catholic faith, please contact Jennifer Cabe at 614-532-0626 or jcabe@stmatthew.net for more details. Our next Period of Inquiry will begin in May.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION** – Were you baptized into the Catholic Church as a child, but did not receive the Sacrament(s) of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Contact Jennifer Cabe at 614-532-0626 or jcabe@stmatthew.net for information on how to prepare for your Sacraments of Initiation through Adult Faith Formation/RCIA.

**LOOKING FOR A LITURGICAL MINISTRY?** Mass sacristans are needed for the **12:00 p.m.** & **5:00 p.m. Sunday Masses**. Sacristans are scheduled approximately once a month. Responsibilities include preparation of the sacred vessels for Holy Mass and cleaning up afterwards. Training will be provided. To volunteer, please contact Vicki Wengert at vwengert@icloud.com.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN COMING SOON** – Mother's Day is just around the corner and the Knights of Columbus are once again running the Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit pro-life programs such as the Greater Columbus Pro-Life Center, the Women's Center and Birthright. Look for the baby bottles in the Gathering Space on Mother's Day weekend. If you have any questions, please call Gus Gastaldo at 614-329-7662.

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL SEEKING CHILD CARE ASSISTANTS –

The St. Matthew Latchkey Program is hiring Child Care Assistants for the rest of the 2018-2019 school year. The role will assist and supervise students enrolled in the after-care program and manage student-related activities. This is a part-time position and would offer great hands-on experience for individuals pursuing a career in Early Childhood Education or Child Development. The hours are 2:00-6:00 p.m., Monday-Friday (but can be flexible), and follow the school calendar. The hourly pay rate is \$12.50. Requirements include: BCI and FBI background check and completion of the VIRTUS *Protecting God's Children* Safe Environment seminar. For more information or to express interest in this position, please contact Susan Maloy at smaloy@cdeducation.org.

# Join us for the St. Matthew Parish 2020 Trip to the



Sponsored by the Ladies of St. Jude and the Knights of Columbus Council 5801

Thursday, January 23rd—Saturday, January 25th, 2020

Washington, D.C.

# Thursday

Leave St. Matthew
Visit the St. John Paul II Museum
Prayer Vigil
Vigil Mass
Friday
March for Life

Evening City Tour

Saturday

Return Home

Cost of trip to include roundtrip transportation, 2-night hotel stay, meals, Saturday evening excursion and tips. Total cost TBD, but not to exceed \$300 per person.

Space is limited to 40 people. Please submit a\$50 non-refundable deposit to the Ladies of St. Jude by June 30, 2019 to reserve your spot. Trip inquiries and/or additional requests can be made to ladiesofst.jude@gmail.com.

Trip planning provided by fellow St. Matthew parishioner, JoEllen Fancelli Vickers, at Sassy Travel, sassytravel04@yahoo.com.



# APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Embrace. Welcome. Participate.

# **Embracing Persons with Autism**

During the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, Pope St. John Paul II addressed participants for the Jubilee of the Disabled with these stirring words:

"The Church, as my venerable Predecessor Paul VI liked to say, is 'a love that seeks out'. How I would like you all to feel welcomed and embraced in her love! First of all you, dear families: those who have children with disabilities and those who share their experience. I say again to you today that I am close to you. Thank you for the witness you bear by the fidelity, strength and patience of your love."

As Catholics, we are called to welcome all persons with disabilities and during the month of April, there is a particular emphasis on persons with Autism, also known as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Autism is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges.

There is nothing about the physical

appearance of a person with Autism that would set them apart from other people. Persons with Autism may learn, behave, react, and communicate in ways that are different than others. Some need very little or no assistance with their daily living; others require substantial supports. The intellectual abilities of persons with Autism can range from gifted to profoundly challenged. Autism affects every person differently, even among siblings who both have Autism.

Since there is a range of abilities and needs among persons with Autism, parishes should work with each person with Autism, their parents, and families to determine the best way to include them in the life of the Church. Some parents of children with Autism feel isolated and alone. They can be overwhelmed with the needs of their child and sadly, can feel stigmatized in their families and their communities. As missionary disciples, we are called to be a love that seeks out and embraces persons with Autism and their families!



# PRAYER FOR AUTISM AWARENESS

God of Mercy,
We ask that you
strengthen our resolve
and inspire us to
create places of
welcome for persons
with Autism and their
families.

Help us to be compassionate to parents whose child has just been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Help us to be advocates for and with children and adults who are seeking acceptance and access to education, work, services, and therapies.

Help us to be partners with caregivers and service providers to create a continuum of welcome and support for every person with Autism.

Help us to remember that every person is made in Your image and that every life is worth living. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

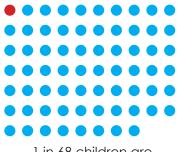
**Family:** What is our initial reaction to a person with Autism? How will we take time to get to know a person with Autism?

**Personal:** What can I do to be more welcoming of a person whose disability may make social interaction challenging?

**Parish:** In what ways can we train our parish ministries to support the participation of families of persons with Autism in parish activities?

How does our parish promote available resources to help persons with Autism grow in the faith?

# 1% of the world population has autism spectrum disorder.







ASD is almost 5 times more common among boys (1 in 42) than among girls (1 in 189).



40% of children with autism do not speak.

Source: National Autism Association, Autism Speaks, Autism Society

# **LEARN MORE**

- Autism Speaks: www.autismspeaks.org
- Autism Society of Ohio: autismohio.org
- National Catholic Partnership on Disability: www.ncpd.org
- Ten Things Every Child With Autism Wishes You Knew by Ellen Notbohm
- Autism and Your Church: Nurturing the Spiritual Growth of People with Autism Spectrum Disorder by Barbara J. Newman
- Special Needs Adaptive Learning Kits—www.loyolapress.com

**Remember**...Individuals with Autism may act differently, but they can participate in all aspects of life: school, work, church. Our differences manifest the greatness of God. Embracing and welcoming individuals with Autism enriches our lives and our communities.



For information and resources visit www.columbuscatholic.org/persons-with-disabilities

#### ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. Matthew School cafeteria is in need of several volunteers to help with prepping food and serving lunches to the school children. Help is needed from 9:00-11:00 a.m. to assist with prep such as: cutting fruits and vegetables, making salads, and assisting employees to prepare foods to be served that day. They need the most help during the serving time from 11:20 a.m.-12:45 p.m., which also would include cleanup that goes until 1:20 p.m. They would like to have one (1) volunteer each morning for prep and 4-6 volunteers each during serve/clean time. Anyone can volunteer as long as you have completed a background check, fingerprinting, and taken the *Protecting God's Children* safe environment seminar. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Jeanne Daniels at stmatthewcafeteria@hotmail.com and for those of you returning to help, please sign up at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4da4a62ba1fa7-stmatthew. Thank you!

**RIGHT TO LIFE** – we are looking to form a small committee to help plan Right to Life events including the 2020 March for Life in Washington, D.C. If interested, please contact Heather Bernard at ladiesofst.jude@gmail.com.

# PARISH PROJECTS

As good stewards of your generosity, the Facilities Team provides you regular updates on St. Matthew campus projects, improvements and ongoing initiatives.

Spring cleanup started at the School during the break a couple weeks ago. In anticipation of Easter and a visit by Bishop Brennan on Friday, April 12 for Confirmation, Spring cleanup got underway at the Church last week. The scheduled outside work will start this week; please be careful driving around landscape equipment.

Last week, significant progress was made in the planning and implementation of the Hutta Cafeteria Kitchen renovations. It has become clear that when this project starts, there is no going back; many of our old systems do not meet current standards. Everything we do from this point forward will be held to the latest building codes and regulations.

We are now challenged with completing what is necessary within tight time and budgetary constraints. The entire Hutta Cafeteria Project was estimated in excess of \$1.1M. We were hoping by focusing on just kitchen compliance and efficiency issues, we could complete Phase One for about a third of the total, but that does not seem to be the case.

Major components of this renovation add up quickly. Highefficient hoods with return air, electrical and plumbing systems alone total \$300K. When floors, walls, ceilings, refrigeration and minimal kitchen equipment are added, the strain on resources becomes clear

We will continue to provide detailed updates. This year's Bishop's Annual Appeal could mean more than it has ever meant in the past. Please keep in mind this is a Parish project; in addition to the School, the Hutta kitchen supports over a dozen events; pancake breakfasts, fish frys, and festival events to name a few. Having an updated kitchen is central to the support of our Parish community, events and mission.

We are excited to bring you these updates and we welcome suggestions for facilities improvement. Please contact George Harvey at gharvey@stmatthew.net.

# DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL



"Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition needs a great push. People ask me: "What will convert America and save the world?" My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer." Mother Teresa

If you'd like to make a weekly commitment, or get more information, please contact Jeff Bernard at JBernard@ohiocat. com or 216-372-4991. CAN YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?

**100 Benefits of Eucharistic Adoration:** #79: "The Blessed Virgin is eager to make Jesus in the Eucharist known to all and to group them into a Eucharistic Guard of Honor, a court of devoted adorers!" (St. Peter Julian Eymard).

Visitors are welcome Monday-Friday from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and on Saturday & Sunday from 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Please visit StMatthew.net/DMC for more info.

# THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE IS IN NEED OF A 3RD CHAIR

The future of the Festival is dependent on keeping our chair positions filled! Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this important role. This is a great way to get involved and become acquainted with fellow parishioners and School parents. For more information, please contact Tom and Amy Minser at 614-571-2562 or stmatthewparishfestival@gmail.com.

**SUNDAY OBLIGATION & ILLNESS** – The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and His Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. For this reason, the faithful are obliged to participate on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants, employment obligations) or dispensed by their own pastor. Please know that it is permissible, and advised, if one is sick with influenza or is potentially contagious, for a parishioner who is ill to stay home. Additionally, it is also acceptable during Mass at the "Sign of Peace" for parishioners with a cold or respiratory illness to offer a "nod of the head" rather than shaking hands to reduce the transmission of germs. Your consideration of our fellow Church members' well-being is greatly appreciated!

**USHERS NEEDED!** St. Matthew is in need of more ushers for certain Masses. Our priests rely heavily on the ushers to make all parishioners and visitors feel welcome, to administer the collection and also pitch in when extra duties are necessary. It is time for our community to embrace the gifts we've been given and we can't wait to see how God provides for these specific needs. Please contact Jenna Zins at jzins@stmatthew.net or 614-471-0212 for more information or to contribute.

**ATTENTION BUSINESS LEADERS** – Fully live out your noble vocation! Join fellow Catholic owners, CEOs, and presidents of businesses in the Columbus area at *Attollo*. *Attollo* offers a monthly peer-to-peer advisory board session and one-on-one coaching program geared to Catholic leaders who are committed to growing their businesses and achieving lifetime goals for themselves, their business, and their colleagues according to and through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching. For more information, go to www. attollousa.com/columbus or contact Jim Gernetzke at 614-352-1191 or jim.gernetzke@attollousa.com.

# CHARITABLE WORKS MINISTRY NEWS

**RECAP OF MARCH 2019** – The Saint Matthew Charitable Works Ministry provided an estimated **4,260** meals to **118** households within the Gahanna community during the month of March. Thank you for your continued support to those families who are experiencing difficult times.

2019	FOOD REQUESTS	INDIVIDUALS SERVED	EST. MEALS PROVIDED*
EOY 2018	1,459	3,801	57,015
January	145	372	5,580
February	118	299	4,485
March	118	284	4,260
Year to Date	381	955	14,325

# \* 3 meals/day x 5 days

Our normal hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday. We are located in the PSR building (the old convent). All are welcome to visit the location to observe what we do, and if the Spirit moves you, become a part of our Ministry.

Many thanks to all for your support of our Lenten Drive that is providing needed items for charitable agencies within our area.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jerry & Susan Brown on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. May God send you His choicest blessings.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** – Ann Fuggar, mother of Hunter Fuggar; Louis Alberto Hernandez, father of Jennifer Hernandez-Medina: and Linda Arens, wife of Jim Arens and mother of Matt Arens.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** Eighty-seven St. Matthew teenagers will be Confirmed in the Catholic Church on **Friday, April 12**. We ask that you keep these candidates in your prayers, and to please take a name from the Youth Ministry Board to pray for one specifically. Thank you!

**SAINT MATTHEW FACEBOOK PAGE** – Saint Matthew Church has a Facebook page www.facebook.com/StMatthewGahanna. "Like" us to receive updates about parish events, worship times, and more!

# ST. JUDE COUNCIL 5801



**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH** – Congratulations to Ern Stovall, the St. Jude Council 5801 Knight of the Month for April!

**KNIGHT OF THE YEAR** – Congratulations to Andy Prociuk, the St. Jude Council 5801 Knight of the Year!

**FAMILY OF THE YEAR** – Congratulations to the Dattalo Family, the St. Jude Council 5801 Family of the Year!

**WANT TO JOIN?** Ever thought about joining the Knights of Columbus? Please contact Paul Koors at PJKoors@gmail.com or 614-209-7055 for more information.

# LADIES OF ST. JUDE



LADIES OF ST. JUDE – Welcome to our newest member Cindy. A reminder that this month's Rosary will be in front of Founders (1243 E. Broad St.) at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 13. After the Rosary, if able, please come help our brother Knights to label baby bottles. We will meet in the K of C Room.

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

BEWARE OF PHONY EMAILS AND TEXTS – During the past few months, there have been numerous phony emails sent to unsuspecting persons (clergy, teachers, parishioners, others) from alleged priests of the Diocese requesting funds to purchase various gift cards for alleged charitable and pastoral reasons. Please be aware that there is a new scam using text messages to convey similar requests. If you receive any kind of communication, please contact the person directly to verify the authenticity of the solicitation or, at least to notify the person that a scam is underway using their identity. Thank you.

#### **CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION 4TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

The Church of the Resurrection's Habitat for Humanity Ministry will hold its 4th Annual Golf Outing on **Sunday, May 19** at the New Albany Links Golf Course. The cost is \$125.00 per golfer and includes golf, boxed lunch, 2 drink tickets and dinner. 100% of the proceeds from this event go to the support the Habitat Ministry's mission of building homes for families and strengthening communities. Register online at www.cotrna.org and click on "4th Annual Charity Golf Outing." For more information or to sponsor this event, contact Bill Holehouse at 614-595-2577 or Mark Mecklenborg at 614-537-6659.

THE PERFECT MOTHER'S DAY GIFT, THE GIFT OF LOVE – Honor your mother or a special loved one by sending a needy newborn home from the hospital dressed and swaddled in love. A small card with your honoree's name will be included in a layette lovingly assembled by the Christ Child Society members for a donation of \$35.00 per layette to the Christ Child Society of Columbus Layette Fund. In 2018, 1,751 layettes were provided. For Mother's Day, your mother or special loved one will receive a beautiful Mother's Day card announcing your gift in her honor. For more information, please contact Janey Davies at 614-323-9058 or jdavies1349@gmail.com or go to ChristChildSociety.org for the order form by Thursday, May 2. Blessings and Happy Mother's Day from the Christ Child Society of Columbus.

**BOTTOMS UP DIAPER DRIVE** – Consider buying diapers for a needy single mom as part of your Lenten almsgiving this year. Bottoms Up Diaper Drive supplies donated diapers to organizations like St. Stephen's Community House and the Bishop Griffin Resource Center to help single mothers keep their babies clean and dry. To purchase diapers or for more information, go to https://bottomsup.life or call Jo Anne Welsh at 740-808-6131.

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