

The Parish Community of St. Matthew the Apostle

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"The truth can't be changed to match your feelings. Adjust your feelings to match the Truth!"

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 08, 2021

DEACON FRANK YUHAS AWARD

A group of friends of Deacon Frank, let's call them "Former Youth Group Members with Deacon Frank Yuhas," have raised funds in his honor to give three scholarships this year to students of St. Matthew School. The criteria for selecting the recipients was as follows: "The Frank Yuhas scholarship will be awarded to one (1) graduating student from St. Matthew's as well as two (2) rising middle school students who have shown a commitment to community service. In the same way that Frank did, the recipients will be students who contributed their time and shared their talent with the St. Matthew's community and beyond. The students are recognized by peers and teachers for their exemplary Christian character and spiritual life; The students strive for excellence in building a sense of unity and purpose in their community and are actively engaged in community activities; The students demonstrate positive values and behaviors that foster relationship-building, social development, and spiritual growth." The awards go to:

Claudia Idioma, a graduate of the St. Matthew's Class of 2021, is an outstanding young lady who demonstrates positive values personally, socially, and spiritually. Her faith, leadership, and commitment were evident during her time at St. Matthew School and through the community activities she has been involved with over the years. She has entertained nursing home residents monthly.

Current students, **Maizie Connorton-Ryan** and **Leila Veillard**, are both actively engaged in building unity, showing kindness, and helping those in need. From donating to our food pantry, to providing produce from our school garden to a local soup kitchen, to simply supporting classmates and volunteering, they demonstrate the Christian values St. Matthew School promotes.

The donors to these awards, and Friends of Deacon Frank, are: Christopher Brooks, Ron and Carol Brooks, Julie and Matt DeFilippo, Eileen Gnadinger, Ariel McCaffrey, Lisa and Nick McCoy, Ali Metcalf, Michael Pirrotta, Katie Pollard, Christen Sturkie, Theresa and Tim Varites, Tracy Varites. Thank you!

Parish Phone Numbers

Church..... 732-985-5063
Fax..... 732-985-9104
School..... 732-985-6633
School Fax..... 732-985-7748
Office of Religious Formation 732-985-5063

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:30 AM-4:30 PM
The priests and deacon are available to registered parishioners by appointment through the parish office.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
2nd Saturday 7:00 PM (Tagalog)
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM,
12:00 & 1:30 PM (Spanish)
Monday-Saturday 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, and
immediately after the 5:00 PM Mass

Mission Statement

St. Matthew the Apostle Church is a multicultural community celebrating our rich heritage of scripture, tradition, and magisterial teaching. We bear witness to the Gospel through worship, stewardship, hospitality and service.

Parish Membership

Membership in our parish is open to all Catholics who reside within our borders as well as others who wish to worship with us and support our mission. All adult Catholics should officially register as members of the parish in which they reside. Registration is a condition for admission to our Religious Formation program and reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Penance, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage. Being registered for at least one month as an active parishioner is required before we can testify to your eligibility to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Please call the Parish Office (732-985-5063) to arrange an appointment to register.

Young adults over the age of 21 should register independently of their parents. Please notify the Parish Office of any changes in name, address, marital status or if you are leaving the Parish.

NOTE FOR PARISH GROUPS WITH CHILDREN:

Our parish has a number of organizations that work with children. Before a group can re-start meetings on parish property, the rectory needs a list of every adult who will (or might be) working with children. Before an adult can begin, all completed paperwork, including fingerprinting results, needs to be in place. Over the last year and a half during Covid, many adults' fingerprinting results have expired. (Remember - fingerprinting verification only lasts three years for non-teacher positions).

In the past, as in many secular organizations, merely providing proof of fingerprinting (the application with payment) was needed while we awaited results. We now need the fingerprinting results VERIFIED IN ADVANCE which can take up to two months. Organizations need to keep this in mind before beginning their first meeting with children. Now might be the time to get your adult leadership in place. This includes, but is not limited to: our sports teams, youth group, scouts, music, altar servers, and curricular and extra-curricular St. Matthew School groups.

We will verify the list of adults working with children when we get the list of potential adult leaders. For each adult working with children, we must have in our file: (1) an application, (2) fingerprinting results, (3) certificate of completion for *Virtus (child protection) Training*, and (4) the agreement to the diocesan *Code of Pastoral Conduct*. If any document is not in our files, we will let you know.



STEWARDSHIP God invites all people to be good stewards of the gifts and talents he has entrusted to us. All parishioners are urged to give a weekly pre-planned generous contribution based on a percent-age of their income. Please use the church envelope system.

HOLY ORDERS If you are interested in learning more about the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, contact Father George at the Parish Office (732-985-5063).

SCRIP OFFICE Melissa Krakowiecki (908-406-1199) Monday-Friday 7:45 - 8:15 in the School (on school days only);

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA Saturday Morning after 8:30 AM Mass.

GODPARENT / CONFIRMATION SPONSOR LETTERS

Church law mandates that a sponsor for baptism and confirmation be an active Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the church, is in a valid Catholic marriage (if married), and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. We can only write letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria. Mass attendance is normally confirmed by envelope use. If you don't use envelopes, the office will provide a form that you need to have signed by a parish priest for several consecutive weeks before a sponsorship letter can be written. Call the office for more information.

PRE-BAPTISM A mandatory Pre-Baptism instruction class is scheduled once a month. Please call the parish office at 732-985-5063 to register.

BAPTISM Baptism is normally celebrated on the second Saturday of each month at 12:15 PM. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent. To arrange for Baptisms please call the parish office at 732-985-5063.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION (CCD) If you are new to the parish and wish to enroll your child in the Religious Formation Program, please call the Office of Religious Formation at 732-985-5063. Office hours: Monday - Friday, 1:30 - 4:30 PM.

RCIA Adults wishing to become Roman Catholic or receive First Eucharist and/or Confirmation should contact the Parish Office for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

MARRIAGE Marriage arrangements should be made one year in advance and prior to any social plans. Contact the Parish Office for all pre-marriage information.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK or HOMEBOUND Our Priests, Deacons and Eucharistic Ministers visit and bring Communion to homebound parishioners or those in JFK Hartwyck at Edison Estates nursing home. Contact the Parish Office to arrange such visits. To contact a priest in a genuine emergency involving the sick or dying, call the rectory office. After business hours dial the parish emergency line at 732-735-9570.

ST. MATTHEW PRAYER CHAIN Call Tom or Pat Krosnowski at 609-586-2320 with your request or email it to tekpak59@yahoo.com & it will be sent to a group of people who will pray immediately. All requests will be confidential and will remain on the prayer list until you ask for them to be removed.

MASS INTENTIONS Contact the Parish Office to schedule a Mass for our beloved deceased.

MUSIC MINISTRY For information regarding our Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Middle Choir, Youth Choir or Hand Bell Choir, contact the Parish Office at 732-985-5063.

PARISH ORGANIZATION FUNDRAISERS Groups are permitted to run and schedule fundraisers which have happened in the prior year. New fundraisers or significant changes to prior fundraisers (or restarting ones from over a year ago) require permission from the pastor.



SUNDAY, August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 AM +Mary Krzywicki r/o Ethel Sterinsky
 9:00 AM +Joseph Sutkowski, Sr. r/o the Sutkowski Family
 10:30 AM +Ernesto Torralballo r/o the Sterinsky Family
 12:00 PM +Tom Kenny r/o Lago Family
 1:30 PM People of the Parish
 (Spanish)

MONDAY, August 9, 2021

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

- 8:30 AM +Florine Sequeira r/o Lydia D'Souza

TUESDAY, August 10, 2021

St. Lawrence

- 8:30 AM +Mary Krzywicki r/o Barbara Sporer

WEDNESDAY, August 11, 2021

St. Claire

- 8:30 AM In Thanksgiving r/o the Resma Family

THURSDAY, August 12, 2021

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

- 8:30 AM +Benny Benevenga & Bill Geiger r/o Nelson Abreu

FRIDAY, August 13, 2021

Sts. Pontian & St. Hippolytus

- 8:30 AM Special Intention r/o Encar Francisco

SATURDAY, August 14, 2021

Sts. Maximillian Kolbe

- 8:30 AM +George Bobal r/o Jerry Bobal
 5:00 PM +James Mellage r/o Wife & Children

SUNDAY, August 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:30 AM People of the Parish
 9:00 AM +Deceased Members of the Tagliareni & Faccione Families
 10:30 AM +Julia & Sam Mamczur r/o A. Szajdecki
 12:00 PM +Angelina Hosie r/o Daughters Bonnie & Mary
 1:30 PM +Jesus Abikarram r/o Rocha Family
 (Spanish)

SCHEDULING PARISH ROOMS AND GYM

Keep in mind that all groups that meet on parish grounds need to have every meeting scheduled through the parish office. The school registers space in the school building for meetings before 6:00 PM. All parish, school, school groups and athletics need to reserve space through the parish office for events that will go beyond 6:00 PM and on weekends. Some groups have keys to the buildings - this should not be understood that the group can meet as desired without reserving space through the office. Is your meeting listed below in "Week at a Glance?"

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Monday, August 9, 2021

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

7:00 PM Carnival Committee Meeting (CR)

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Thursday, August 12, 2021

Friday, August 13, 2021

7:00 PM Los Amigos de Jesus Prayer Group (CH)

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Sunday, August 15, 2021

ST. MATTHEW'S CARNIVAL IN AUGUST

GOOD NEWS EVERYBODY! Our parish carnival is scheduled for August 25-28, 2021. 4 days, Wednesday through Saturday. As always, we need your help both in volunteering, spreading the word to the neighborhood, and coming as patrons for a family night out. We anticipate most things being the same as in the past - same place, just different dates. Who knows, the warmer weather might be better both in enjoyment and in revenue! Put the dates in your calendar today! Our parish always comes through to make this event a success.

**CARNIVAL VOLUNTEER FORMS
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 IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE**

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Many parishioners recognize the convenience of donating to our church electronically. ***It beats writing out a check every week!*** Most parishioners who do give electronically still use envelopes: simply check the "I have given electronically" box on the envelopes to ensure your donation is tabulated properly (it should be anyway through our electronic system). See the website for more information.

FEAST OF FAITH

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus: Song of Heaven

The words of the Sanctus are rooted in the scriptures. They recall the song of the seraphim in the prophet Isaiah's vision of God in majesty: "Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two they veiled their feet, and with two they hovered aloft. 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!' they cried one to the other. 'All the earth is filled with his glory!' " (Isaiah 6:2-3). They recall the Gospel accounts of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). Yet the liturgy adds something new to these ancient texts. The seraphim sang, "the earth is filled with his glory." But the liturgy proclaims, "heaven and earth are full of your glory." In the Eucharist, earth and heaven meet. For a moment in time, we join in the song that the angels sing for all time. The Sanctus raises us to heaven, but does not remove us from the earth. It is the song of the King who took on our human flesh so that we might share in his divine life.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17;
Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6;
Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24;
Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7,
9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

A TIME TO HEAL...

Please pray for those in our Parish Family who are sick:
Jim Miller

[NOTE: we have recently reset the list of the sick in this bulletin. If you know of someone who is ill and in need of prayer, please call the parish office.]

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).

CIVIL DISCOURSE

"Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God." These words bring us up short! What could we be doing to grieve the Holy Spirit? Alas, the same things that the Ephesians were doing in the time of Paul, that is, fighting, shouting, reviling each other with fury, anger, and malice. Just tune in to talk radio some day or observe some "road rage" on the expressway. If we who are partakers of the Body of Christ can treat one another this way, what does that mean about our belief in Christ's message of peace and reconciliation? The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity. It is communion with God and with each other. A good first step would be to speak civilly to each other, even in disagreement!

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(CCD) RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Thanks to Deacon Ed, we now have the ability to accept registration and payment online! Religious formation is a requirement for children to receive the sacraments. Aside from learning about our faith, religious formation also helps to establish a healthy prayer life.

Please go to <https://www.stmatthewtheapostle.com/religious-formation-ccd>

If you prefer, you can print the registration form and bring a check to the rectory during office hours.

We fully intend for classes to be In person again in the fall. We had to adjust our class meeting times and reduce the number of classes (fewer children, fewer catechists). Please note our new schedule:

- **Grades 1-4 will meet on Tuesday from 4:15-5:30**
- **Grades 5-8 will meet on Thursday from 6:00 – 7:15**

Registration ends on August 1.

Also, we need volunteers as teachers, aides, and hall monitors! If you are interested, please email David Jules at: pcl@stmatthewtheapostle.com

MAKE DEPOSITS

A relationship is like a bank account. You can't continue to draw on it without making deposits.

—Anonymous

25th or 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop Checchio. The event will be a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral in Metuchen on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 3:30 PM. Couples who celebrated their Silver or Gold anniversary in 2020 are also invited to attend. Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or ammarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 7, 2021. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/donation-silver-and-gold> or by calling 732-562-1543.

APOLOGETICS SEMINAR IN SPANISH

Seminario de Apologética, Defensa de la Fe 5 sesiones, basado en el libro "Iglesia Católica, Dulce Hogar" Lunes y Miércoles entre el 18 de Agosto y el 1 de Septiembre Hora: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Presentador: Allan Caballero - Director Diocesano de la Oficina de Evangelización Hispana. Valor: \$15 (Incluye libro) Lugar: 450 Drake Ave, Middlesex, NJ 08846 - Our Lady of Mount Virgin School Cupos Limitados Información en: hispanic.ministry@diometuchen.org o en el teléfono 732 243 4573 Registro: www.diometuchen.org/hispanicevangelization

St. Matthew School Early Elementary Education

We are open for enrollment in all grades Pre-K to 8. Our focus this year is on our excellent Early Elementary classes. Our Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and Kindergarten programs are where your child will learn the critical thinking skills for the future. In a structured environment with hands-on activities, students are given the motivation to become lifelong learners. At around \$27/day for Pre-K and \$29 for full-day Kindergarten you won't find a better deal at the big-box Daycare Businesses. Call Mrs. Schaefer at 732-985-6633 for more information or to set up a tour!



PADRINOS DE BAUTISMO Y CONFIRMACIÓN: La Ley eclesiástica manda que los padrinos para el bautismo y confirmación, deben ser Católicos confirmados y activos en la parroquia, o sea que asistan a la misa dominical, ayudan al mantenimiento de la Iglesia, esté casado/a por la iglesia; si es soltero/a no deberá estar en unión libre. Debe vivir una vida de acuerdo a las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. Solo podemos entregar cartas a parroquianos que viven de acuerdo a estas normas.

BAUTISMOS: Los Bautismos en español son celebrados el segundo Sábado del mes a la 1:00 PM. No se celebran bautismos durante la Cuaresma. Para hacer arreglos para los bautismos en español comuníquese con el padre Joseph al 732-985-5063. Si él no está disponible en ese momento, le puede dejar un mensaje con su número de teléfono, para él llamarle luego.

FORMACIÓN RELIGIOSA- CATECISMO: Si usted es nuevo en la parroquia y quiere inscribir a su niño/a en las clases de catecismo, por favor comuníquese con el padre Joseph al 732-985-5063.

RICA: Adultos que deseen convertirse a la religión Católica o que necesiten recibir Primera Comunión y o Confirmación, deberán ponerse en contacto con la oficina de la parroquia para el Ritode Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos. Llamar al padre Joseph. 732-985-5063

MATRIMONIOS: Los arreglos para la fecha de casamiento se deben hacer un año por anticipado, antes de hacer los arreglos sociales. 732-985-5063 P. Joseph.

MINISTERIO DE VISITAR A LOS ENFERMOS: Llamar al padre Joseph. Si es una emergencia (en peligro de muerte) después de horas de oficina, puede llamar al número de emergencia 732-735-9570.

CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL: _está dispuesto después de la misa dominical. Por favor comuníquese con él.

8 de Agosto de 2021 - 19o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

" Levántese y coma o el viaje será demasiado para usted!" 1 REYES 19: 7

Dios sabe que comprometerse con un estilo de vida de corresponsabilidad es difícil. Sin embargo, no fuimos diseñados para hacerlo por nosotros mismos, necesitamos Su ayuda. Afortunadamente, Dios nos dio el mayor regalo de todos, Su hijo, Jesús. A través del don de la Eucaristía juntamos nuestro sacrificio con el sacrificio de la Santa Misa y recibimos la fuerza y el coraje para ser Sus alegres discípulos.

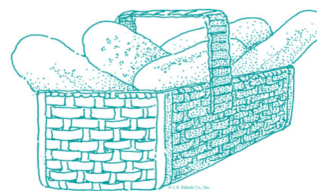
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When cleaning out the house, remember we have a bin for clothing near the back door to the Convent. The bin is run by Catholic Charities.

In 1794, a young Irishwoman befriended two widows aboard ship while emigrating to America. They bought a house in Philadelphia and began to live a community life under the direction of a priest. Soon they relocated to Washington. There, the “pious ladies,” as the neighbors called them, were asked by their priest friend, by then the president of Georgetown University, to begin a religious community. In 1799 they established a branch of the Visitation Order founded by Saint Jane de Chantal and Saint Francis de Sales in the 1620s.

The unique vision of this order followed a sensible routine, less arduous and more flexible than most traditions, and also accepted widows and older women. Amazingly, this American outpost of the Visitation began without reference to the “rule” of the Order. Most of the European convents had been lost under the “reign of terror,” and the rules and customs of the community could not be obtained. A copy of the rule was discovered in 1812, and in 1816 the pope officially established the monastery. By then, some French nuns had regrouped, and they sent a habit and cross to be copied. (No religious wore the habit in public in the United States until after the Civil War.) From the beginning, the Georgetown nuns had an educational mission, even though they discovered in the “rule” that such work was officially off-limits for the contemplative life. In America, the nuns depended on a school for their livelihood, so the rule was adapted. Today, the Academy of the Visitation is a thriving example of excellence in Catholic education, and the adjacent monastery is the oldest monastic foundation in the original thirteen United States.

Our parish prayer group “Los Amigos de Jesus” will restart their meetings every Friday beginning June 18, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the church. The group continues to practice social distancing and the use of face masks is highly encouraged.



There's no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.

—French proverb

For Weekend July 31-Aug. 1, 2021

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