

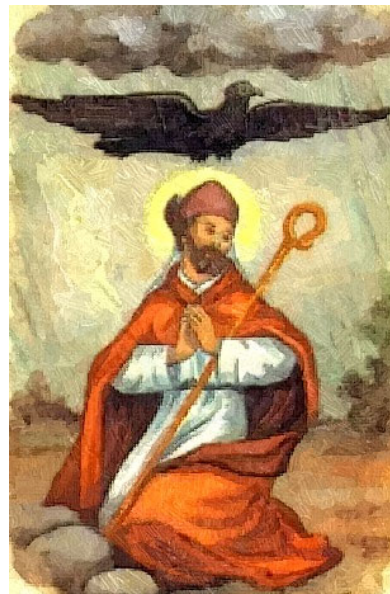
The Parish Community of St. Matthew the Apostle

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"Please stop killing unborn babies."

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15, 2021

St. Medard, patron of good weather,
we ask you to intercede for us as we
pray for good weather during our
parish carnival. Help us to bring
families and our community
together and to further our mission
as Church.



BUSINESS CLOTHING

The Ozanam Family Shelter is asking for something you might not need anymore. They are in need of clothing for their residents who are going on job interviews. They request **gently used, clean** clothes for both men and women. If you have any shirts, pants, ties, shoes, dresses or skirts that you would wear to an interview, you can bring them to church from now until the end of August.

You can bring clothes on **hangers** and put them on the dedicated rack in the church vestibule, or bring them in **boxes** labelled "Ozanam." We will accept business clothes in **bags**, but remember the recipients may not be able to iron them.

We can only use business clothing that is suitable for a job interview. If you have other clothing to donate, as always, use the bins behind the old convent.

This activity will only go until the last day of August, after which we will remove the clothing rack.

Thank you for helping to get people back to work.

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 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:30 AM People of the Parish
 9:00 AM +Deceased Members of the Tagliareni & Faccone Families r/o the Tagliareni Family
 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 the Rocha Family (Spanish)

MONDAY, August 16, 2021

St. Stephen of Hungary

- 8:30 AM Intentions of Encar Francisco

TUESDAY, August 17, 2021

- 8:30 AM +Mary Krzywicki r/o Lois Kolakowski-Taylor

WEDNESDAY, August 18, 2021

- 8:30 AM +Rogue Lago r/o Granddaughter & Family

THURSDAY, August 19, 2021

St. John Eudes

- 8:30 AM +Eleanor Ehrl r/o Charlotte Puerari

FRIDAY, August 20, 2021

St. Bernard

- 8:30 AM +Mary Krzywicki r/o Betty Kolakowski

SATURDAY August 21, 2021

St. Pius X

- 8:30 AM +John Demeo r/o the Demeo Family
 5:00 PM +Rosy Barretto r/o Stacy Barreto & Family

SUNDAY, August 22, 2021

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 AM +Mary Krzywicki r/o Betty Kolakowski
 9:00 AM +Tom Kenney r/o Al & Theresa Battagliotti
 10:30 AM +Maureen Lancia r/o the Gilch Family
 12:00 PM +Michael Yasko, Sr. r/o the Yasko Family
 1:30 PM People of the Parish (Spanish)

ST. MATTHEW'S CARNIVAL COMING FAST 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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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Monday, August 16, 2021

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Friday, August 20, 2021

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

Saturday, August 21, 2021

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Carnival Setup (Behind Church - PLEASE HELP US IF YOU CAN LIFT 20 POUNDS!)

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Congratulations to these Newly Baptized Catholic Christians from Our Parish:



Brianna Rosa Lopez
Jonah Kurian

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?"

FEAST OF FAITH

The Shape of the Eucharistic Prayer

Our Eucharistic Prayers originated in the traditional Jewish meal prayers known as *berakah*, which were prayers of thanksgiving used at meals. Over the centuries, the Christian thanksgiving, or Eucharist, gradually took shape. While in the East the Eucharistic Prayers (called *anaphora*) took many forms, in the Roman Church there was for many centuries just one Eucharistic Prayer, called the Roman Canon (now known as Eucharistic Prayer I). Almost all Eucharistic Prayers include the same basic elements. They begin with thanksgiving and acclamation. Then there is an *epiclesis*, as the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts. Then follows the institution narrative and consecration, as the words that Jesus spoke at the Last Supper are repeated. After the consecration, we remember in an explicit way all that Christ has done for us—this is the *anamnesis*, or remembering. The prayer concludes with the offering, the intercessions—prayers for the Church, our leaders, ourselves—and a final doxology of praise.

The reforms of the Second Vatican Council enriched our liturgy with additional Eucharistic Prayers, including both ancient texts (Eucharistic Prayer II is based on the most ancient of all existing Eucharistic Prayers) and new compositions.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
 Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

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 — The vision concerning the woman clothed with the sun (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).

Psalms — The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (Psalm 45).

Second Reading — Christ, the firstfruits; then those who belong to him (1 Corinthians 15:20-27).

Gospel — Mary praises God in the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-56).

THE DESTINY OF ALL MORTAL FLESH

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

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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

GIVING BACK

The Virgin received salvation so that she may give it back to the centuries.

—Peter Chrysologus

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The roots of today's feast of the Assumption can be traced back at least to the fifth century, when it is noted in the Armenian lectionary. Celebrated in Jerusalem, the feast in honor of the *Theotokos*, the Mother of God, became the principal feast of Mary throughout the Christian world. The place of celebration was at the tomb of Mary in Gethsemane and was therefore known as the "Dormition of Mary." In some cultures this feast is celebrated today with a resting statue of Mary, much like a wake service of modern times.

The liturgy of this feast provides images of "the place of your rest" in Psalm 132, and reverence for the Ark of the Covenant that held the signs of the Promise. Like that Ark, Mary is for us the ark of the Savior, the one who bore the Son of God. When the doctrine of the Assumption was defined in 1950 the Gospel reading for the feast was changed to include the verses of Mary's song, the Magnificat. The scripture readings for both the vigil Mass and the Mass of the day speak to us of life after death as well as the path to be followed in order to reach it. The key to this promised immortality is found as we take to heart the words of the vigil's Gospel, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

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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, ayuden 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.

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!



15 de agosto de 2021 - La Asunción de la Bendecida Virgen María

"Y María dijo, Mi alma proclama la grandeza del Señor; mi espíritu se regocija en Dios mi salvador." LUCAS 1:46

Después de Jesús, miramos a María como nuestro modelo de corresponsabilidad. Su vida entera la vivió en obediencia de la voluntad de Dios. Así como la luna refleja la luz del sol, María refleja la luz de Cristo. Como María, nosotros también somos llamados a reflejar a Cristo al mundo. Lo hacemos viviendo una vida generosa y agradecida. Lo hacemos poniendo las necesidades de los demás antes que nuestros deseos.



St. Matthew's now participates in the charitable giving program with Amazon called AmazonSmile.

A customer is charged nothing for this, pays the same price, and gets the same, great Amazon shopping experience. But our parish gets 0.5% of the purchase price. (That is, 5¢ of \$10). Step 1 is to sign up and choose St. Matthew's as your charity. Step 2 is to always begin shopping at smile.amazon.com, not the default amazon.com. On a phone or tablet app, sign up and choose St. Matthew's, then turn on AmazonSmile in the settings. Just shop as you always would. Since we benefit such a small percentage, please don't buy "extra stuff" as a good will gesture to our church. We will only make 1/200th of the cost!

CLOTHING BIN

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.

APOLOGETICS SEMINAR IN SPANISH

Seminario de Apologetica, 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

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.

PRAYER GROUP IN SPANISH

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.



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