

# The Parish Community of St. Matthew the Apostle

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“Here I am, Lord. I come to do your will.” Psalm 40, liturgical response

Sunday, December 26, 2010 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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## Mission Statement

St. Matthew the Apostle Church is a diverse Roman Catholic community empowered by the Spirit of God, formed by His Word, and nourished by the Eucharist. We are called to bear witness to the Gospel through stewardship, hospitality, and service.

## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:30 AM-4:30 PM  
Wednesday: 4:30 PM-8:00 PM

The priests and deacons are available by appointment through the Parish Office.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM  
& 12:00 Noon  
Monday-Saturday: 8:30 AM  
Tue. & Wed. : 7:00 PM

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon  
& after the 5:00 PM Mass  
or by appointment  
with one of the priests.

## 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 Deacon Frank Yuhas at 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.

**PRE-BAPTISM** A mandatory Pre-Baptism instruction class is scheduled on the second Sunday of every month at 10:30 AM in the Faculty Room of the school. Please call the parish office at 732-985-5063 to register.

**BAPTISM** Baptism is normally celebrated on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 PM. Please note 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, 9:30 AM - 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 local area hospitals and nursing homes. If you or a family member is admitted to one of the local hospitals, please inform them that you are from St. Matthew's Parish. 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.**

**MORNING PRAYER** Monday through Friday at 8:15 AM.

**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.

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

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** Spiritual Direction is available to all members of the parish of St. Matthew. To make an appointment with a certified Spiritual Director call Deacon Frank Yuhas at 732-985-5063.

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS/MINISTRIES-**

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Rick Fortune 732-623-4181

**Choirs/Music Ministry:** David Jules 732-985-5063

**Lectors/Ushers:** Fr. Dominic 732-985-5063

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Dominic 732-985-5063

**Religious Formation:** Donna Hamer 732-985-5063

**St. Matthew's School:** Mrs. Sullivan 732-985-6633

**HSA:** Marge Hermitt 732-985-6633

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):**

Deacon Frank Yuhas 732-985-5063

**Spiritual Direction:** Deacon Frank Yuhas 732-985-5063

**Youth Ministry:** Mrs. McCaffrey 732-548-1843

**Rosary Altar Society:** Dot DeStefano 732-985-7726

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Carol Coakley 732-207-5617

**Social Ministry Group:** Barry Demarest 732- 985-5063

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**School Advisory Council:** Ron Tankiewicz 732-819-0585

**Father's Club:** Francis (Cos) Cosmas 732-819-0946

**Knights of Columbus:** Donald Becker 732-985-2874

**Athletics:** Darren Ventre 908-227-1524

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

**STEWARDSHIP** God invites all people to be good stewards of the gifts and talents he has entrusted to us. Become an active parishioner and share some of your time and talent with our community. All parishioners are urged to give a weekly preplanned generous contribution based on a percentage of their income. Please use the church envelope system.

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

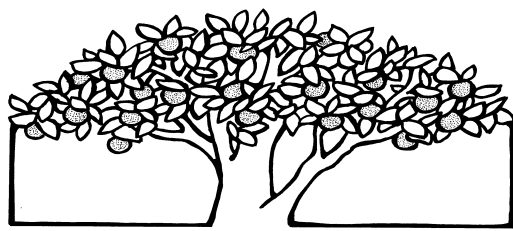
**HOLY ORDERS** If you are interested in learning more about the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, contact Father George at the Parish Office (732-985-5063).

**SCRIP OFFICE** Chris Baglivo Dellbeni - 732-985-7219  
Hours:

**September - June:** Monday - Friday: 7:30 - 9:00 AM;  
Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month - 8:00 AM - 12 Noon.

**Summer: (July - Aug.)** - Tuesday Mornings: 8:30-9:30 AM; Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month - 8:00 AM - 12 Noon.

**BINGO** Sunday at 6:00 PM.



**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
December 26, 2010**

Over all [other virtues] put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. — *Colossians 3:14*

**MASSSES for the WEEK**

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**SUNDAY, December 26, 2010**

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

- 7:30 AM Louis Iorio r/o Damato Family
- 9:00 AM Susan Lordi r/o George, Kenneth & Laura
- 10:30 AM Gerald Vitelli r/o Vincenzo & Charlotte Puerari
- 12:00 PM Leonor Aguas r/o Aida & Hector Gamboa

**MONDAY, December 27, 2010**

**Saint John, apostle and evangelist**

- 8:30 AM Guerrino & Sofia Petrucci r/o Bonanno Family

**TUESDAY, December 28, 2010**

**The Holy Innocents, martyrs**

- 8:30 AM Catherine Cara r/o Waldron Family
- 7:00 PM Walter "Jerry" Kryzwicki r/o Susan & Mary

**WEDNESDAY, December 29, 2010**

**Saint Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr**

- 8:30 AM Purificacion Gonzales r/o Micabalo Family
- 7:00 PM Deborah Blonder r/o Mom & Dad

**THURSDAY, December 30, 2010**

- 8:30 AM Beverly Conti r/o Robert Conti

**FRIDAY, December 31, 2010**

**Saint Sylvester I, pope**

- 8:30 AM Anthony Dias r/o Julie Dias
- 7:00 PM Special Intention for Fred Fiore  
r/o Waldron Family

**SATURDAY, January 1, 2011**

**Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

- 8:30 AM Russell Rivella r/o St. Matthew's Religious Formation
- 12:15 PM Todd Scull r/o Angie Muscolino & Joyce Schaefer
- 5:00 PM Leo Arcure 1st Anniversary  
r/o wife Jeannette & Family

**SUNDAY, January 2, 2011**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

- 7:30 AM People of the Parish
- 9:00 AM Juan Francisco Rodriguez r/o Marie Reybert
- 10:30 AM Pablo Marmol r/o Melissa Jacinto
- 12:00 PM Robert Lesaca r/o Mercado Family

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Saturday, December 25, 2010 - Christmas Day**

Masses: 9:00 & 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM

**NO Activities Permitted**

**Sunday, December 26, 2010**

Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM; 12:00 PM

Choir: 10:00 AM, Conference Room

NO Bingo

**Monday, December 27, 2010**

**Tuesday, December 28, 2010**

**Wednesday, December 29, 2010**

**Thursday, December 30, 2010**

**Friday, December 31, 2010**

7:00 PM Vigil Mass,

**Saturday, January 1, 2011**

Masses: 8:30 AM, 12:15 PM & 5:00PM

**NO Activities Permitted**

**Sunday, January 2, 2011**

Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM; 12:00 PM

Choir: 10:00 AM, Conference Room

RCIA: 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM, Conference Room

Starlite Chorale Concert: 4:30 PM, Church

Concert Reception: 6:30- 8:00 PM, Cafeteria

NO Bingo



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week **In Memory of Walter Jerry Kryzwicki** r/o Mary & Susan

***THERE IS AN APPOINTED TIME FOR EVERYTHING...***

*Please pray for the safety of our men and women in the military service who are supporting our country faithfully especially:* **Cpl. Christian Peterson, Jerry Russel, Spc. Patrick Faulkner, Sgt. Daniel Kimenski, Spc. Tony Graziano, Spc. Jason Sellio, Spc. John Peterson, Pfc. Kevin Laneto, Spc. Richard Lantz, COL. Patrick Donahoe, Alonzo Brown, Cpl. Kevin Klemick, Cpl. Todd Burton, Sec. Capt. Suzanne Plantec, Sgt. K.M. Yocom Delgado, Staff Sgt. Patrick D. Williams, Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class William Ashton, Staff Sgt. Michael Schwartz, PFC Mark Towle, Daniel DeLeon, Christopher John McKaig, Spc. Jesse James Dunn, Thomas C. Woodlee, Capt. Sean Donahoe, Lt. Col. Daniel Spano, USMC, Airman 1st Class James Lightner, Master Sgt. John C. McDevitt, 1st Lt. Kelly Ashton, PFC Jamie Manning**

***A TIME TO HEAL...***

*Please pray for those in our Parish Family who are sick*

- Jean Moran**
- Lois Martin**
- Jean A. Robey**
- Norma Conroy**
- Sister Maureen Crawley, SC**

*Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands, we place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Amen*

***A TIME TO WEEP...***

*Please pray for those of our Parish Family who have died, especially:*

**Barbara Tierney**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen* Ecclesiastes

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS December 12, 2010**

Weekly Offering: December 12, 2010	\$ 10,329.00
Electronic Contribution	\$ 672.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,001.00</b>

Expenses Paid Last Week:

Household Expenses	\$ 2,984.96
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 3,743.34
Payroll & Taxes	\$ 5,787.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 815.11
School Subsidy	\$ 2,545.91
Religious Formation	\$ 87.75
Liturgical	\$ 8,171.02

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS December 19, 2010**

These figures were not available at time of publication. They will be included in next weeks bulletin.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,**  
**THE MOTHER OF GOD**  
**Vigil Mass Friday, December 31**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Saturday, January 1, 2011**  
**(a Holy Day of Obligation)**  
**Masses 8:30 AM & 12:15 PM**

**DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL** - Just as the PPC helps Fr. George run our parish, a new Cathedral Deanery Pastoral Council will assist the bishop in governing the parishes in our area. We need three reps to sit on this council. If you would like to volunteer, please call the parish office or speak to Fr. George.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

**2010 BISHOPS'S ANNUAL APPEAL—**  
***CHRIST FOR ONE ANOTHER***

Thank you to the parish families who made a gift or pledge to the 2010 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift, please prayerfully consider doing so. Every gift makes a difference and every gift is appreciated.

**SPREADING THE WORD**

Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents, too!

## 2011 CALENDARS

The 2011 calendars are available in the vestibule of the church.

### **SING WE JOYOUS, ALL TOGETHER!**

#### **With the STARLITE CHORALE**

The time is rapidly approaching for our annual Epiphany Concert with the Starlite Chorale. This concert, held on **Sunday, January 2 at 4:30 PM** has become an annual tradition for many families in our parish and is a wonderful way to wrap up your Christmas celebrations.

This year's concert features many songs of the season, both sacred and secular, and has a comfy, gathered-in-front-of-the-fireplace feeling. We will sing together and celebrate in the joy of being part of our wonderful parish family. The St. Matthew's Choirs and Handbell Choir will also be featured, and we will continue our tradition of singing "The Lord of the Dance" and the "Twelve Days of Christmas" together, too!

Tickets will be on sale after all masses this weekend. Prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and children accompanied by an adult get in free! Tickets purchased ahead of time will guarantee premium seating. Please help support our music ministry by attending this fun-filled family event, and this year, bring a friend!

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

There will be a meeting for the parents of all 8th grade students preparing for Confirmation on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria.

## BLOOD DRIVE

The season of giving is upon us again and I am asking you for a gift. It will cost you nothing but time. It is the gift of life. Blood is always in short supply and is desperately needed. The need is greater than the supply. Please take a few minutes of your time this weekend to donate. It will be greatly appreciated. A \$15.00 give card will be given to all donors this month. If you have any questions, please call Mary Westcott at 732-287-1091.

## RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC

Since Right To Life day falls on a weekend, the Social Ministry will sponsor a Right To Life March bus trip to Washington, DC on Monday, January 24, 2011, leaving St. Matthew's Rectory parking lot at 7:00 AM. It is imperative that we have a head count now so we can be assured to have a full bus. If you are planning to attend, please call Marie Reybert at 732-287-2373. Please mark your calendars accordingly and join us for this worthy cause.

## SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.



The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

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## FEAST OF FAITH

### Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom.

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## FUNDZANGLE

St Matthew Parish recently launched a new fundraising portal on the web. [www.supportStMatthew.com](http://www.supportStMatthew.com) will become an information center on how you can continue to support our parish. The best part about our new concept is that it allows you to support St Matthew by channeling your shopping to products and services that you are already purchasing. If you do any shopping online, a portion of each sale will go back to the parish. You simply click through such merchants as Walmart and Target via the website and your purchase is tracked, a percentage of the sale is returned to the parish. You can even purchase scrip cards - then use them on line for your shopping via this site. Doing so compounds the benefit to our parish. Not all of the stores for which we sell scrip participate in Fundzangle, though most do. Some examples are Aeropostale, Barnes and Noble, Best Buy, Disney, Kohl's, Office Depot, Sears, Sunglass Hut and Wal-Mart. For example, purchase your Best Buy or Wal-Mart scrip card then go on line via this site and purchase your gifts. In addition the scrip cards you cannot purchase at St Matthews are available on line for purchase at many other stores. All of these purchases bring in revenue that will help the parish. This is the time when we all do our Christmas shopping and doing this on line is easy and convenient.

This week our St. Matthew Spirit Store should be up and running. You will be able to purchase St Matthew apparel and gadgets such as sweatshirts, baseball caps and umbrellas. Also, at the beginning of the school year, parents of St. Matthew's students will have the convenience of purchasing pre bundled school supplies based on the teacher's list.

Another example of how you can support St Matthew's via SupportStMatthew is the Business Center. Now, small business owners can purchase items like business cards, banners, brochures and anything related to marketing your company. If you need personal assistance in ordering, you can simply place a phone call for help. Turnaround is very quick and the prices are competitive and often better than anyone else. For example, you purchase a set of 500 color business cards for \$39.00, 20% of the purchase is donated to St. Matthew's in your name.

Sponsorship space is available on the portal for as little as \$20 per month. Banner ads are also available.

Please keep [www.supportStMatthew.com](http://www.supportStMatthew.com) in mind as we bring our community and parish together.



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## A CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS

Celebrate the richness of the Christmas season with our music ministry! Join us Sunday, January 9 at 5 PM for our annual concert: "A Cathedral Christmas" at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Main Street, Metuchen.

The Cathedral Adult, Youth, Handbell and Children's Choirs will perform inspirational choral works from "O Holy Night" to the "Hallelujah Chorus", and you will enjoy singing favorite carols accompanied by our magnificent pipe organ and brass ensemble.

No tickets are required, and an offering will be taken for Cathedral Music Ministry. In the event of inclement weather, call (732) 548-0100 x235 after 2 PM on the day of the concert. Snow date is Wednesday, January 12 at 7 PM. Please come celebrate with us!

**Life Choice Research Center** located in Perth Amboy is in need of Baby and Children's' winter clothes, twin strollers and other baby needs. The center serves 384 families and 681 children. Please call Gen or Dot at 732-985-5294 or Marie Reybert at 732-287-2373 if you can help in anyway.

## MOUNT ST. MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will offer the following programs. Registration is required for all programs; call 908-753-2091 or email: [msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org)

### CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Come together monthly to pray this ancient form of prayer and breathe in God's Peace. Centering Prayer and lectio divina.  
Tues-Jan 4, 7:30-9:30 PM (Free-will offering)  
Theresina Flannery, RSM and Eileen Smith RSM

### LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS! Two-Session Scripture Program

Come for an encounter with the Psalms of the Hebrew Scriptures- their prayer and ours.  
Wed- Jan 12 and 19, 7:30-9:30 PM (\$30./series)  
Theresina Flannery, RSM and Eileen Smith RSM

### PERSONAL RETREAT DAY - Sacred Time, Sacred Space

A personal, quiet day to enjoy God's presence. Day begins with communal prayer.  
Jan 12, 9:30 AM- 3:00 PM, bring bag lunch (\$20)

## LEARNED AT HOME

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home.

—Henry Drummond

COVER SHEET

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