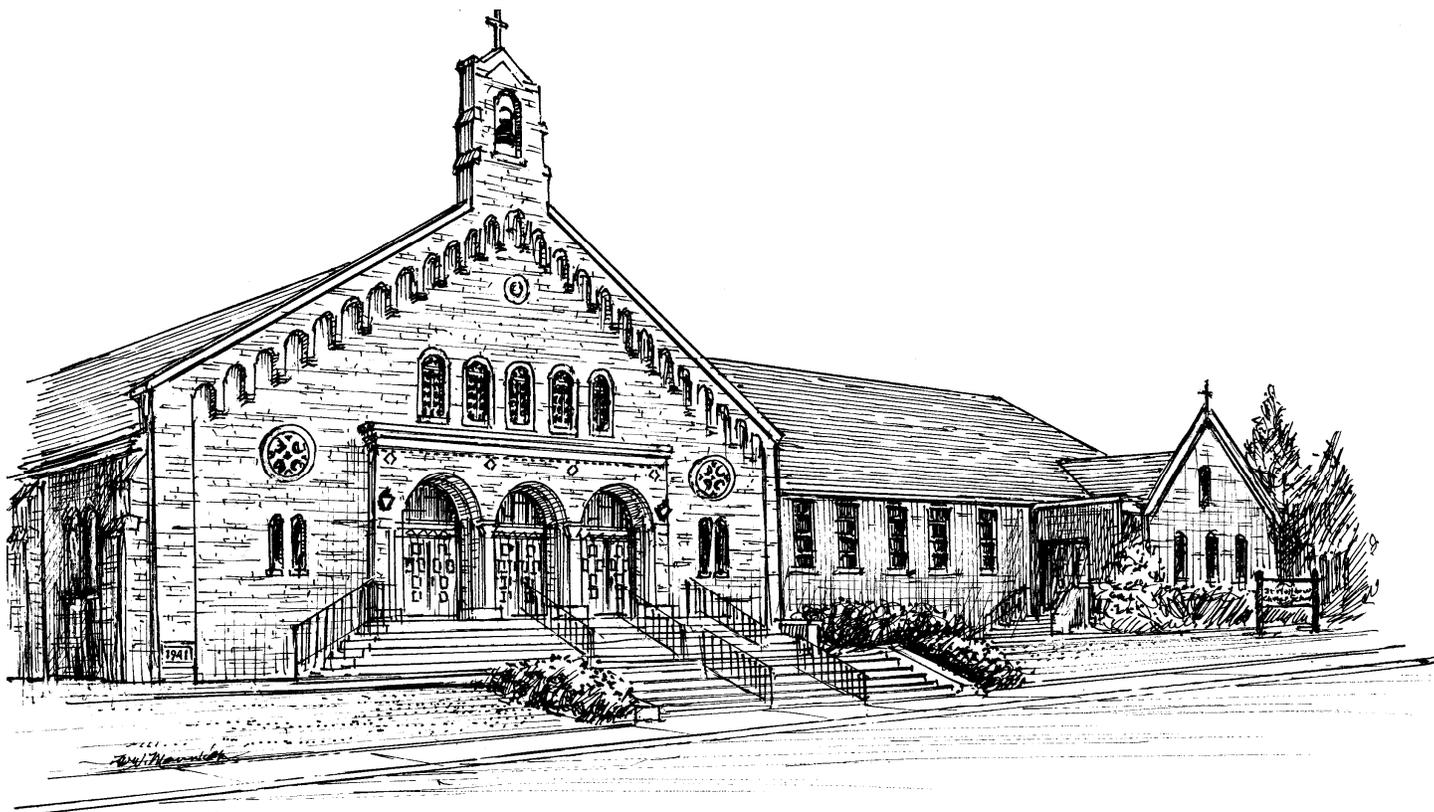


Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Parish

A Sponsor of All Saints Catholic School



Church Location: 901 E. Newport Pike, Woodcrest • Wilmington, DE 19804

Parish Mailing Address: 1013 E. Newport Pike, Wilmington, DE. 19804

Mass Schedule

Daily (Monday — Friday): 7:00 am and 8:30 am

Saturday: 8:30 am and 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday afternoon beginning at 3:30 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 12:45 pm. Baptismal Preparation Program for the parents is held on the 1st Wednesday of every other month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact one of the Parish Priests or Deacons
AT LEAST ONE YEAR before your wedding date.

New Members

Welcome! Please register in the Parish Office.

Vy. Rev. Joseph J. Drobinski, Pastor

Rev. William M. Hazzard, In Residence

Rev. William J. Klapps, U.S.N. Retired

Mr. Harold R. Chalfant, Permanent Deacon

Mr. William A. Kaper, Permanent Deacon

Mr. Michael T. Wilber, Permanent Deacon

Miss Patricia Berrigan, Director of Religious Education

Annie Adams, Music Director

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I will put my spirit in you that you may live



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the Lord GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalms — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

LIFE FROM DEATH

Lent is about Easter, and Easter is about life after death. As we draw closer to Easter, the Sunday readings become more and more explicit about this.

In a rather dry, matter-of-fact way, today's reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans teaches that our "mortal bodies" will be raised to life. But in a far more gripping way, the Lord shouts at us through the prophet Ezekiel, "O my people, I will open your graves . . . I will put my spirit in you . . . I have promised, and I will do it." When Jesus saw the people weeping over the death of Lazarus, he was troubled in spirit and moved by the deepest emotions. Approaching the tomb, Jesus himself began to weep. He loved Lazarus.

In fact, Jesus loved Lazarus so much that he snatched him out of his tomb, back to life. That's how God loves us.

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6, 2014

Monday, April 7

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

Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11

7:00 AM— Mass

8:30 AM— Mass

9:00 AM—Holy Hour

Tuesday, April 8

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3,16-21

Jn 18:21-30

7:00 AM— People of the Parish

8:30 AM— Mass

Wednesday, April 9

Dn 3:14-20,91-92,195

Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

7:00 AM— Raymond Smolka

8:30 AM— Joseph Crusco

Thursday, April 10

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

7:00 AM— Mass

8:30 AM— Lucia Albertini

Friday, April 11

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

7:00 AM— Mass

8:30 AM— Ralph Degli Obizzi

Saturday, April 12

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10,11-13/

Jn 11:45-56

8:30 AM— Joe Petka, Sr.

3:30 PM— Easter Confession

5:00 PM— Elizabeth Johnson

Sunday, April 13

Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,17-20

23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14:27:66

7:30 AM— Michael Fahey

9:00 AM— Michael Swierczewski

11:30 AM— Anthony & Frances Guida

Thank You For Your Generosity: \$ 3,833.11

.For a complete list of groups and phone numbers, please visit www.saintmatthewsparish.org and click on "CONTACT US" LINK. You may also call the Parish Office at 633.5850.

The DEADLINE for bulletin submissions is—

April 7, 2014

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There is a geography to the liturgy of baptism that distills the journey of faith. Each part of the liturgy is assigned to a distinct part of the church building. Baptism, whether of infants carried to church by their parents or of adults following the paschal candle into a darkened church at Easter, starts at the door. First, a threshold must be crossed and a new community of meaning and memory encountered for the first time. Then, the celebration moves to the place for God's Word. Next, as the litany of the saints is sung, there is a procession to the font. Finally, the movement is to the table, the altar of the Eucharist. There, newly baptized adults are brought to the sacred meal, or the parents of infants are blessed and reminded that their child will one day share fully in the table's banquet.

Many Catholic churches honor this geography by placing the font near the door, or at least small vessels with water. The doorway of our church is a place of memory, and a passageway to a new way of living.

LIFE

A well-spent life is the only passport to heaven.

PRAYER

The more you devote yourself in prayer the more you will do well in your work.

WITH GOD

With God, go over the sea. Without God, don't even go over the threshold.

Sanctuary Lamp/Candle

The parish is providing another opportunity to memorialize your loved ones. If you would like to have the red sanctuary candle lit for the cost of \$10.00, you can do so on a weekly basis by calling the parish office—633-5850.

For the week of April 6th the candle has been lit in memory of Peter Dolphin.



Each year, the 5th grade students from All Saints Catholic School pray for and write to those who are elderly or homebound in Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Fatima, Saint Mary of the Assumption, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Matthew parishes. This maintains a connection with parishioners who are not always able to join us for worship each week. Also, the students have the pleasure of hosting a Mass during which the sick and elderly are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

All those who are sick or elderly are invited to our Spring Anointing of the Sick Mass which will take place on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 10:00 am in Corpus Christi Church. The students will be present to greet you, pray with you, and share refreshments following the Mass.

If you are able to attend the Mass, please RSVP to All Saints Catholic School at 995.2231 between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

2nd Annual ASCS Golf Outing—April 28, 2014

Sponsored by Healthy Smiles of Delaware, Dr. Patrick Sweeney

Don't miss the 2014 ASCS Golf Outing/Dinner/Auction

Proceeds will go towards iPads for the school.

Last year was a huge success with over 80 golfers and dinner guests. A gourmet dinner with carving stations, open bar and silent auction will be worth the trip if you are not a golfer.

For more information, please contact Tom Riccio at either 302.893.0272 (cell) or email him tom@ricciorealestate.com.

Sunday Afternoon Bingo—Corpus Christi Hall

Sunday, April 6—1:30 pm (doors open 12:30pm)

\$15 per person admission includes nine games and refreshments. Specials including FULL CARD offer. Cash prizes for all games. (must be 18 years or old to play)



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Easter Confession—April 12—3:30 Pm—Both priests present

Palm Sunday, April 13—5:00 Pm, 7:30 Am 9:00 Am and 11:30 Am

Wednesday, April 16—7:00 Am and 8:30 Am

Holy Thursday, April 17—No Morning Masses

7:30 Pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

Good Friday, April 18—No Morning Masses

12:00—3:00 PM Church open for private prayer

7:30 Pm Service —Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 19—No Morning Mass

No 3:00 PM—Confessions

Easter Vigil—7:30 Pm—Resurrection of the Lord

Blessing of the Easter Basket Foods

The blessing of the Easter foods is a tradition dear to the hearts of every Polish family. Being deeply religious, they are grateful to God for all His gifts of both nature and grace. As a token of this gratitude, they have the food of their table sanctified with the hope that spring, the season of the Resurrection, will also be blessed by God's goodness and mercy.

Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The basket is traditionally lined with a white linen or lace napkin and decorated with sprigs of boxwood the typical Easter evergreen. All are welcomed Saturday, April 19th at 11:00 am in the church

Rosary of the Blessed Mother will be recited after the 8:30 Mass on Mondays and on Saturdays.

There are many prayer needs in our families and the Church and our Country. Please take 15-20 minutes of the first part of your day to join us.

You will not be disappointed in what can happen in your life when you put God first. It is very exciting to watch Him work in our lives and the lives of our family. He, Himself, has put Mary as an intercessor for us.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on the 1st Monday of each month following the 8:30 Mass.

Please join us to pray for our families, our Church, our Country and peace.

If you have any questions, please call Sonyia (302) 584.2521

2014 Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, *Open Your Heart to Christ* invites each of us to help bring Christ into the lives of those who seek His love and protection. It is an opportunity for each of us to unite as a Catholic community and to reach out to serve others in need of our help.

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal last weekend. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity and support.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org and click *Annual Catholic Appeal*.

Way of the Cross—Pantomime

Saint Matthew Church—Friday, April 11th at 7:00 pm—Come join us for the Way of the Cross Pantomime presented by our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from St. Matthew Religious Education, and All Saints Catholic School. The Stations will be followed by light refreshments in the Open Area.

St. Mary of the Assumption

Walk To Easter — A Holy Week experience for children on Good Friday morning, April 18, 2014 8:30 am to 12 noon

Children in preschool through 4th grade are invited to take a walk with Jesus. The walk traces the steps of Jesus during Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Easter. The children will experience the mysteries of our faith. This will be a special time of storytelling, music, food, and art as they "Walk To Easter." Parents are encouraged to join their children on the Walk.

The cost for this event is \$5 per family. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. Registration forms can be downloaded from the parish website or you can pick one up at the parish office or from Sheila Meara, dre@stmaryoftheassumption.com. Volunteers are also needed (adults & youth 5th GR and above. Volunteers can contact Robyn Correale at 302.235.7264.

The Environment Committee is in **need of gently used irons and ironing boards**. If you are willing to donate please call Colette Ratsep Horkey 994-1529

St. Matthew Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know is in need of prayers and for their intentions to be included in our prayer chain, call 994-5117 or e-mail lodonnell12@verizon.net