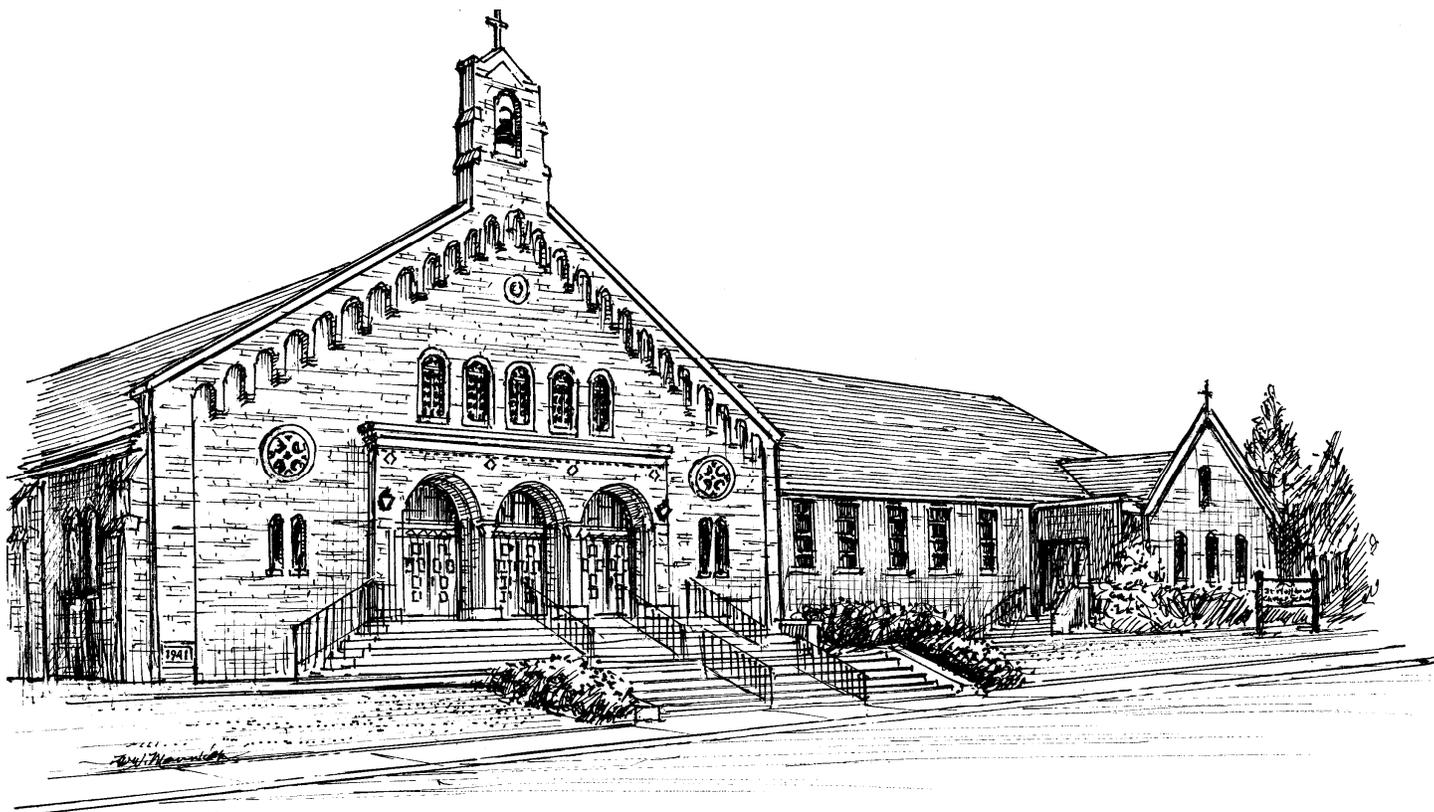


Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Parish

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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Mrs. Diana Thompson Principal

St. Matthew Office

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm

Parish Tel: 302-633-5850 Fax: Automatic

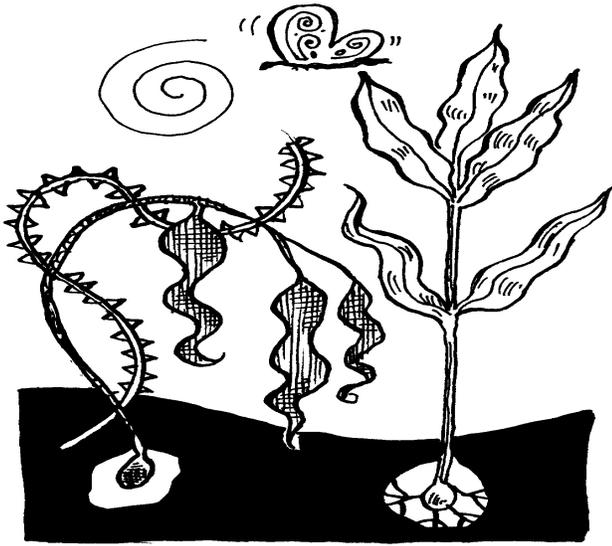
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Email: info@saintmatthewsparish.org

Religious Education: 302-633-5860 ext. 158

**Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 13, 2014**



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

GIVING OF ONESELF

Scientists have recently begun to discuss the idea that the primary force behind all life in the universe is self-gift. This is how everything from galaxies to human babies are born and sustained.

If we read the opening of today's passage from Isaiah correctly, we see that he anticipated twentieth-century scientists by over twenty five hundred years. Using the self-giving example of the rain and snow clouds that water the earth that then yields fruit, which in turn is given over to nourish creatures, Isaiah leads us to understand that the primary force behind all life is the word of God. The ultimate giving of that word, we believe, was Jesus Christ, who, in the greatest revelation of divine love, gave of himself on the cross.

To what degree are we in touch with that self-giving God in whose image we are made? To what extent do we really follow the self-giving example of Christ into whose death and resurrection we were baptized, whose ultimate self-gift we celebrate every week in the Eucharist? With God's help, our lives can be like Isaiah's rain and snow, and we will not return to heaven until we have done our part to make the earth fruitful.

Monday, July 14

Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9,16c
17,21,23/Mt 10:34- 11:1
7:00 AM—Albert Mirto
8:30 AM—Mary Ann Rathmanner
(Living Intention)

Tuesday, July 15

Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-8/Mt 11:20-24
7:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM— Ralph Degli Obizzi

Wednesday, July 16

Is 10:5-7,13b-16/Ps 94:5-10
14-15/Mt 11:25-27
7:00— AM—Mass
8:30 AM—Antonio Di Pilla

Thursday, July 17

Is 26:7-9,12,16-19/Ps 102:14-14ab
15-21/Mt 11:28-30
7:00 AM— Mass
8:30 AM—Alice Dolan

Friday, July 18

Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8/Is 38:10-12abcd
16/Mt 12:1-8
7:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM— Matthew Keggleman

Saturday, July 19

Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-4,7-8,14
Mt 12:14-21
8:30 AM— People of the Parish
5:00 PM— Edward McGonigle

Sunday, July 20

Wis 12:13,16-19/Ps 86:5-6,9-10
15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43
7:30 AM—Michael Fahey
9:00 AM— Alice Dolan
11:30 AM—Hernando Coto

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.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 -

July 14, 2014



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

With the Reformation, some early Protestants, including the "Anabaptists," rejected infant baptism in favor of "believer's baptism." Against Orthodox and Catholic practice, which favored baptism as soon as possible for a newborn, these movements desired that the candidate for baptism speak for him - or herself at a mature age, not through godparents as an infant. Today, it is clear that they were rejecting a very ancient practice (even as early as the second century) of baptizing children of all ages. Children came first in ancient baptismal ceremonies, and someone would speak for them. Gregory of Nazianzen wanted to delay the baptism of children to three years of age, since at that age they could retain at least some impression of the liturgy. He made an exception for the very ill, who were to be baptized ahead of the annual Easter baptism. That means that infants and children were normally baptized together with adults, and that everyone received confirmation and the Eucharist.

The tone of the early bishops' writings is generous and compassionate, and seeks to build up the eucharistic assembly by widely celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit. If a priest celebrated baptism, then the gift of the Spirit was postponed for the bishop, but with no regard for the person's age. So, until the fifth century, confirmation was for infants, too.

LIVE TODAY

Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God.

GOD WITHIN

In everything, be it a thing sensed or a thing known, God is hidden within.

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

3 Year Old Program Saint Elizabeth's Elementary School is excited to announce the opening of a full day three year old program this September 2014. Please contact the school office at 655.8208 if you would like information.

WHS 49'ers

Our 65th Reunion will be held on Saturday September 13th, 2014, at the Ed Oliver Golf Club, 800 N. DuPont Road from noon to 4:00 pm. We have not been able to locate all of our classmates. If you know of anyone who has not been contacted please call Catherine (Kitty) Figliola Gray at 994.0837.

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.

Saint Matthew Parish

R.C.I.A 2014-2015

Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic?

Have you been baptized but never received the other Sacraments of Initiation (Communion and Confirmation)?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a program that welcomes those over the age of 18 into the Catholic community.

We meet one evening a week to study the essential beliefs of our faith and gather also every Sunday to worship together at our local church.

At St. Matthew's, the RCIA program begins in September and ends the following spring. Eligible candidates are welcomed into full membership in the Catholic community at Easter.

We continue meeting during the month of May to deepen our knowledge of Catholicism.

To register for RCIA or to receive more information call or e-mail Marguerite Gomes at:302.229.8218 or margapianco@yahoo.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it." Sometimes, as much as we love each other it seems like the thorns of life are choking our marriage and family. Take time to kill the thorns by taking time for your Sacramental marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 7-9 in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For more information, visit our website at:www.wwme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Dave and Cyndi Germack @ 302.220.9833.

Reflecting on God's Word

When we see the straight rows of crops growing tall and healthy at this time of year, we know that farmers plant very carefully to guarantee the highest yield. But that's not the way the farmer in today's parable plants. This farmer takes a big risk, it seems. Throwing seeds around indiscriminately, some of it falls on the rocks, some on the road, some in the brambles, and, inevitably, some falls on good cultivated soil. Yet, even though many of the seeds die, this foolish farmer's crop yields a hundred times what was to be expected.

This is how God sows the Word. Like the seed, the Word of God is to be scattered indiscriminately over the whole earth, without regard to where the good soil is that can receive and nurture it. Even though the Word does not take root everywhere, Isaiah tells us "it shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." And Paul reminds us that the whole world will "share in the glorious freedom of the children of God."

Living God's Word

How are Christians to respond to this "foolish" God? We must ask ourselves if we are allowing God's Word to take root deep in our hearts and produce an abundant yield. We must ask if we are too stingy with the good news, fearful of being rejected.

God's Word Today

Hearing the word of God is the focus of the Liturgy of the Word today. Isaiah reminds us that God doesn't intend the word to come to earth and return to God empty and void. God's word is like the rain and the snow that come down to earth, making the soil fertile and fruitful. This image of God's word is a fitting backdrop to the parables we hear today and for the next several weeks. The familiar parable of the sower and the seed is proclaimed today. The parable picks up the metaphor from Isaiah's text. In the Gospel, we are compared to all kinds of soil—shallow, rocky, thorny, and rich. The journey of faith, the life-long road of listening to God's word, can be one or all of these types of soils. Today it is clear that we must cultivate the soil so that it is rich and fertile. When the seed, the word of God, lands on this fertile soil, it has a better chance of taking root and growing to maturity.

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

Memorial Walkway

The St. Matthew "Memorial Walkway" in front of the Blessed Mother statue. Bricks are available to purchase in honor of a loved one living/deceased for special occasion (confirmation, wedding, birthday, anniversary, etc.,_ Please contact the parish office at 633-5850 for additional information

Gluten Free Host

Anyone on a gluten free diet and in need of gluten free host. Just contact any usher or deacon before Mass.

Annual Our Lady of Fatima Fair

Monday, July 21 to Saturday, July 26

6 pm to 10 pm

We offer fantastic food, great rides, wonderful entertainment and more. Check the web page for information on the free shuttle schedule, bands schedule, gate price, mega passes and other information @ www.olffair.blogspot.com. Contact information: Pat @257.9947 or olffair@verizon.net. Volunteers needed.

Lost and Found

A bracelet found in church. Believe to be a youngsters. Please come to the Sacristy after Mass to pick up.