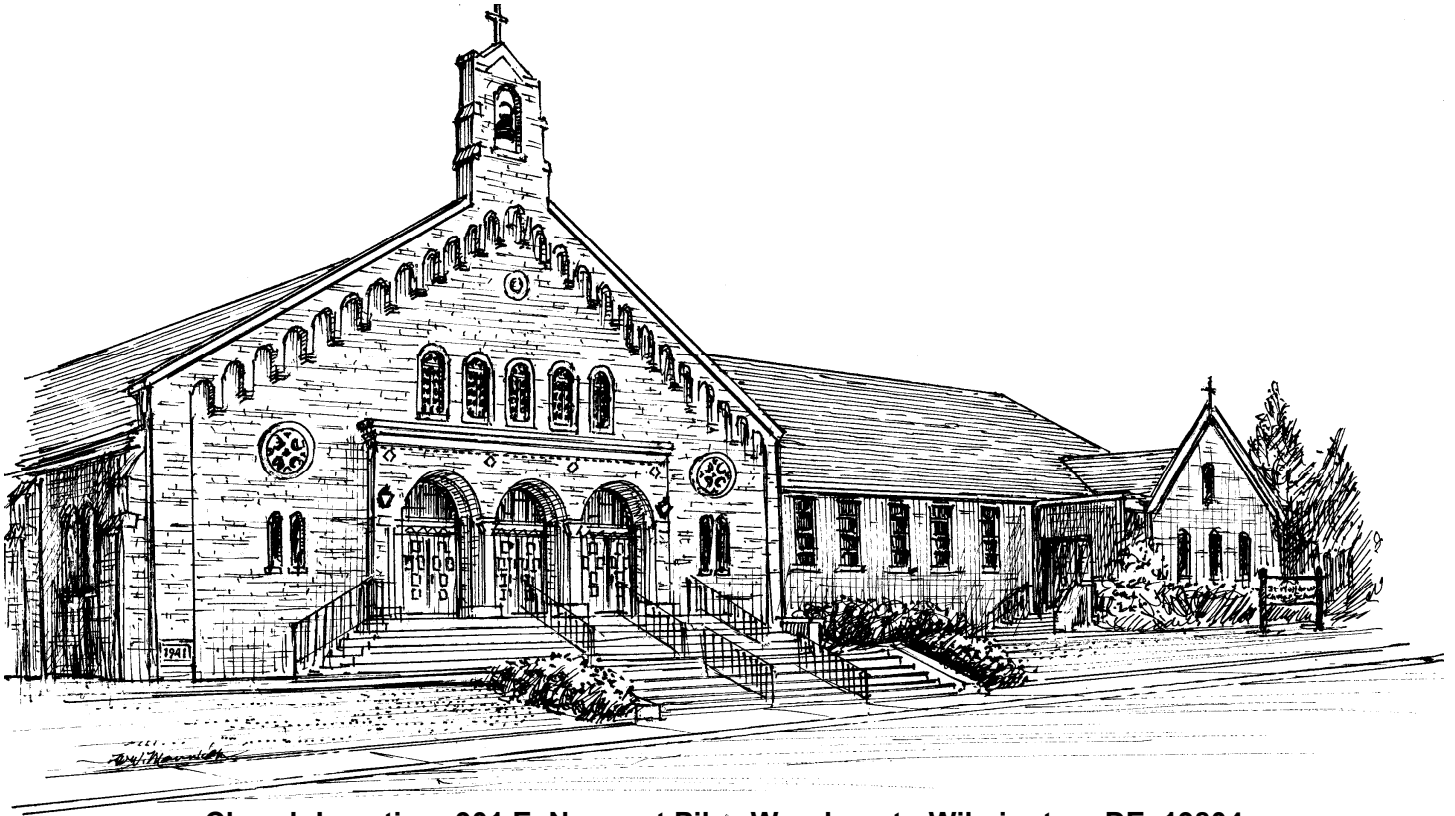


Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Parish

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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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302 995-2231—Email www.ascsde.org

Mrs. Diana Thompson Principal

St. Matthew Office

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm

Parish Tel: 302-633-5850 Fax: Automatic

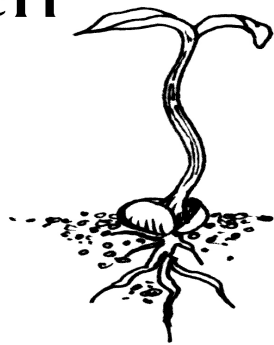
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Web site: www.saintmatthewsparish.org

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Religious Education: 302-633-5860 ext. 158

The kingdom
of heaven
is
like a
mustard
seed



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

PATIENTLY AWAITING JUDGMENT

Matthew, more than any other evangelist, talks about Jesus leaving and returning home. Often Jesus leaves the house because crowds have assembled outside and want to be taught. Today, after having taught and dismissed the crowds, his disciples follow him home, seeking further explanation of what seem to be, at least to us today, pretty straightforward parables.

For both Matthew and Mark, when Jesus is in the house with his disciples it signals a special teaching moment, and it should cause us today to perk up our ears. Usually it is Jesus giving commonsense advice about what it will mean to follow him. Today is no different. To follow Jesus means to be ready to encounter the followers of evil, to have to live and work and preach among them. It means patiently awaiting the judgment that can only come from God, the judgment of justly deciding who will be thrown into the flame and who will live to be a brightly shining saint. Let us heed this house teaching, for it will be the same for us who follow Jesus Christ today.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20, 2014

Monday, July 21

Mi 6:1-4,6-8/Ps 50:5-6,8-9
16bc-17,21,23/Mt 12:38-42
7:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM—Alice Dolan



Tuesday, July 22

Mi 7:14-15,18-20/Ps 85:2-8/
Jn 20:1-2,11-18
7:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM—Joseph Giofre

Wednesday, July 23

Jer 1:1,4-10/Ps 71:1-4a,5-6ab
15,17/Mt 13:1-9
7:00—AM—Mass
8:30 AM—Ralph Degli Obizzi

Thursday, July 24

Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-12/Ps 26:6-7ab
8-11/Mt 13:10-17
7:00 AM— Mass
8:30 AM—Pearl Janusz

Friday, July 25

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-6
Mt 20:20-28
7:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM— Ronald Krivitsky

Saturday, July 26

Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3-6a,8a,11
Mt 13:24-30
8:30 AM— Joseph A. Palermo
5:00 PM— Doris McGonigle

Sunday, July 27

1 Kgs 3:5.7-12{110}57.72.76-22
127-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52
7:30 AM—Mass
9:00 AM— Alice Dolan
11:30 AM—People of the Parish

Thank You For Your Generosity: \$ 4,015.80
Church in Europe—\$362.00

.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 21, 2014

Saint Matthew Parish

R.C.I.A. 2014-2015

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Charlemagne, crowned Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day, 800, had a major interest in shaping the worship life of the church, and began a long period of reform and regulation. We owe many confirmation policies and practices to his rule. A baptized person was required to be confirmed as soon as the bishop's presence made it possible. Priests were expected to do their best in seeing to it that a newly-baptized child received the Eucharist. One twelfth-century ritual insists that if the child is not yet capable of eating or drinking, then the priest might give him or her some of the Precious Blood on a leaf or a finger.

Despite the best efforts of the Empire to hold liturgical life together, the rules were not always lived out with great beauty. St. Richard of Chichester of thirteenth-century England, for example, was canonized for his holy life as a bishop. One of the remarkable signs of his sanctity was his willingness to climb down from his horse to confirm "merely baptized" layfolk who crossed his path! This praiseworthy practice points a finger of blame at less zealous bishops, whose casual attitudes revealed a sacrament in need of rescue.



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Mark Your Calendars

St. Matthew's Parish Picnic

The picnic will be held in Banning Park on Sunday, September 21st from 12 to 3 pm. The theme this year is "An Old Fashion Picnic", lot of good food, and fun for everyone!

Do you know someone who want 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 welcome 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

Diocese of Wilmington Women's Conference

**Saturday November 1, 2014/Check-in from 8:00-8:45/
St. Joseph's Parish Middletown, DE.**

Conference Speaker, Johnnette Benkovic travels internationally as a popular conference speaker, publisher author, retreat director, and seminar presenter. She is the author of several books and developed the internationally recognized Women of the Grace Foundational Study Series which has transformed thousands of women worldwide through the healing love of Jesus Christ. Women of Grace is a Catholic apostolate which began in 2003. The mission of Women of Grace is to transform the world one woman at a time by affirming women in their dignity and vocation as daughters of God and in their gift of authentic femininity. The Conference includes Mass, Presentations, Lunch and Inspirational Music by St. Joseph Parish Contemporary Group. The day concludes by 4:00 with an informational session about becoming a facilitator and/or how you can bring the upcoming Women of Grace Study, "Feminine Genius: Toward A Deeper Theology of Woman" to your parish! Cost: \$30.00 lunch on your own/ \$40.00 "box-lunch". Visit the Diocesan website www.cdow.org under "Offices & Ministries"/click "Marriage & Family Life" or call 302.295.0667.

Reflecting on God's Word

News from Catholic Charities, Inc. Diocese of Wilmington

- An increase in Delaware state income tax credits available for qualifying Neighborhood Assistance Act contributions.

Two Catholic Charities program qualify

Donations to two Catholic Charities programs may qualify the donor for Delaware state income tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance ACT (NAA) Program. Catholic Charities statewide and the Case San Francisco shelter program, located in Sussex County, are both recognized by the Delaware State Housing Authority (DHS) for the tax credit.

DSHA has recently announced the NAA FY 2015 authorization of \$600,000 (an increase from last year) is available effective immediately. Therefore, DSHA is accepting NAA applications on a first-come, first-served basis.

The NAA tax credit is available to any individual or business paying income tax in Delaware, as long as the contribution is made to an approved NAA non-profit organization. Individual taxpayers must contribute a **minimum of \$2,500** to receive an NAA credit, and the business minimum is \$10,000.

Two legislative changes are in effect **in the annual amount of credit for which any taxpayer (individual or business) is eligible. Taxpayers are eligible to receive up to \$50,000 in NAA tax credits in a single tax year and may receive no more than \$100,000 in NAA tax credits in any three-year period, beginning July 1, 2013.**

In exchange for a qualified contribution, the donor receives state tax credits equal to 50% in tax credits. DSHA staff members review applications and award the credits on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you would like to contribute to either Catholic Charities program and receive the tax credit, contact Paul Savini, Catholic Charities Community Relations Director, at 302.655.9624 or via email at

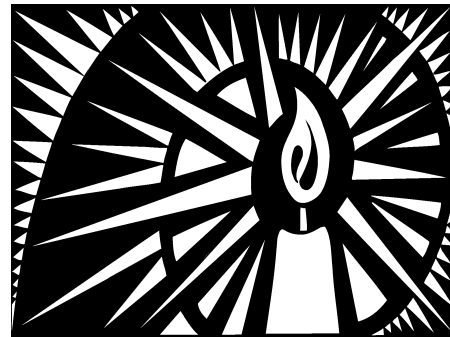
psavini@ccwilm.org.

Our experience of the world is often an experience of opposites; truth and lies, goodness and evil, beauty and ugliness. They are found in intimate proximity, often on the same page of the newspaper or in the same half-hour news report, and intertwined in the same human heart. Their existence is connected to human freedom as well as to the power of sin and evil in our world.

Jesus tells a parable that makes the same point as the author of Wisdom: God's exercise of power is tempered by leniency and mercy; God's justice is balanced by loving-kindness. Our desire to pull up and destroy the weeds prematurely could destroy the good wheat. While the interpretation in the Gospel applies this image to different groups in the community, we can also hear this parable as referring to the weeds and wheat, the evil and goodness residing in the heart.

Jesus say God's active presence in the world is something as small as a mustard seed and as fragile as a pinch of yeast, yet each contains a power that, when released, will bring about growth and expansion.

In the meantime, the challenge is being as patient with others as God is, while working with God to purify our own hearts. Last week Jesus warned about the sluggish heart; today he pictures a contaminated heart, good penetrated by evil. But the power of God is stronger than the power of evil and death. Be patient, and remain open to the workings of God's grace.



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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.

The week of July 20th the candle is lit in loving memory of Thomas Burr.

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

July and August Parish Office Schedule

With summer officially here, the parishioner demands upon the parish office decrease dramatically, especially, on Fridays. Because of that, and because we wish to be good stewards, for July and August, the office will be open Fridays for just a half day, from 9 am to 12 noon. All other hours will remain the same. We will return to regular hours on Fridays in September.