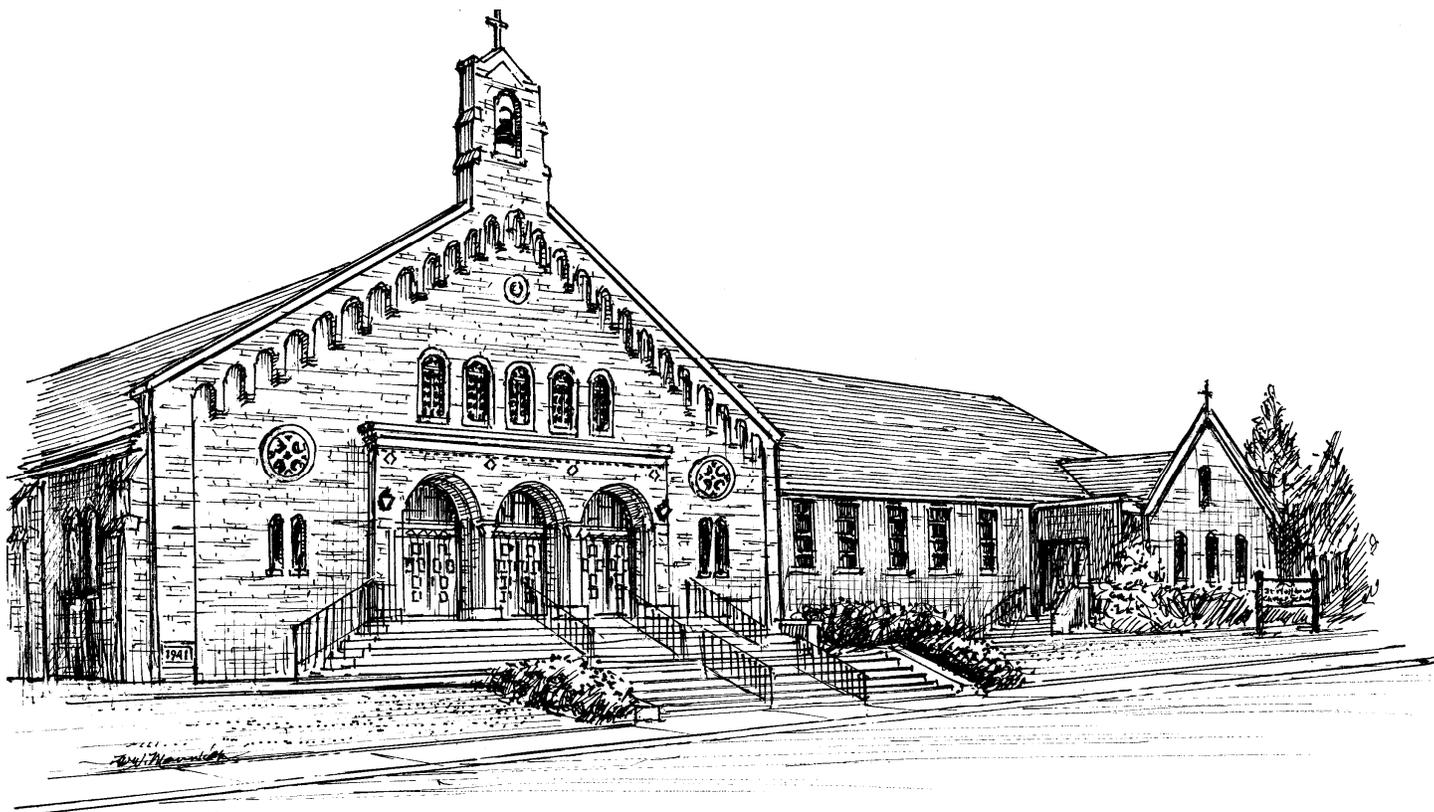


Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Parish

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

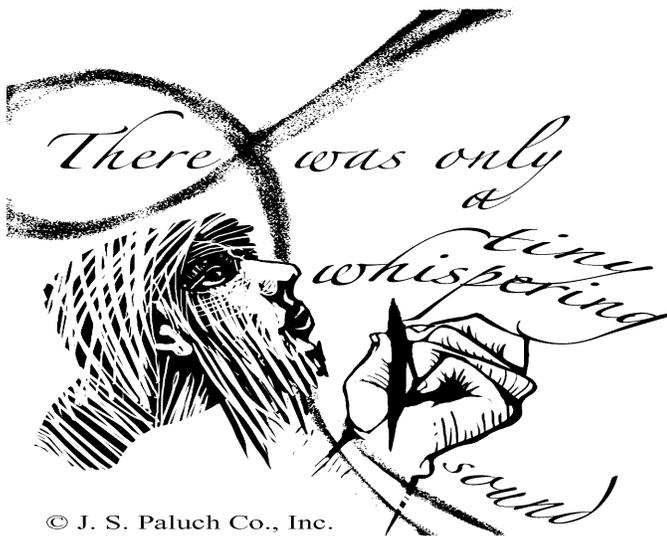
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Web site: www.saintmatthewsparish.org

Email: info@saintmatthewsparish.org

Religious Education: 302-633-5860 ext. 158

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2014



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Elijah: "Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by"

(1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

Psalms — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

PRESENCE

It is difficult to be truly present to another. We speak of putting in an appearance or showing up. Even when we arrive, we are often distracted. We think ahead, or we review an unsettled past. Nonetheless, we are at our best when we truly show up. We are most fully ourselves when we are absorbed in something worthy of us: creative work, good conversation, prayer. In these instances we are wholly ourselves and wholly outside ourselves.

Elijah knew this kind of engagement. He was one of God's great prophets. In today's first reading, he follows God's command to journey to that most holy place, Mount Horeb. And there in great silence, Elijah encounters God.

As for Peter and the apostles, they discover the presence of God after the storm at sea. They and the sea and the winds are stunned into silent reverence.

Monday, August 11
Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2
11-14/Mt 17:22-27
7:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM—Mass

Tuesday, August 12
Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72
103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5,
10-12-14
7:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM—Mass

Wednesday, August 13
Ez 9:7, 10:18-22/
Ps 113:1-6/Mt 18:15-20
7:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM—Alice Dolan

Thursday, August 14
Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-59
61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1
7:00 AM— Albert Mirto
8:30 AM—Mass
7:00 PM—Mass

Friday, August 15
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Ps 45:10-12, 16/ 1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56
7:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM— Ralph Degli Obizzi

Saturday, August 16
Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32
Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15
8:30 AM— Mass
5:00 PM— Antonio Di Pilla

Sunday, August 17
Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
7:30 AM—Mass
9:00 AM— Alice Dolan
11:30 AM—Mass

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Maintenance and Repairs—\$672.00

.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 -

August 11, 2014



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the last several weeks, the history of confirmation has been set out as a rite following baptism and preceding First Communion. Eucharist was a sacrament of spiritual maturity, attuned to the legal age of majority, which was considered to be fourteen years or so. Medieval bishops were often generous, if not especially pious, in seeing to it that children were confirmed before adulthood.

A pattern more familiar to us surfaced in the Diocese of Toulon in France in 1748, where it was decreed that “children are to be confirmed only after receiving First Communion.” This was an amazing shift in practice that undermined centuries of theology and tradition by which confirmation was seen as a bridge between font and table. The innovation swept through France and across Europe, despite constant complaints from Rome. French-trained bishops like Cheverus of Boston and Carroll of Baltimore, founders of the American church, established the practice here. The order of the sacraments was thus disrupted in France and in the United States, and remained an eccentric exception to the rule until big developments in 1910.

GOD’S IMAGE

Nature has perfections in order to show that she is the image of God, and defects to show that she is only God’s image.

SING

Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them.

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.



Mark Your Calendars for St. Matthew Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 21st from 12—3 pm at Banning Park The theme this year is “An Old Fashion Picnic”, lots of good food, and fun for everyone.

Reflecting on God’s Word

This Sunday’s Gospel features Jesus picking his way to a boat of disciples through a storm of windy darkness over a sea of nighttime waves. At three in the morning, he finds them being tossed about in their own storm of windy fear. Then Peter, who always seems to say the right thing by saying the wrong thing at the right time, calls out across the tumult, ‘Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water.’ So Jesus calls back and says, “Come.”

That is when Peter must decide if he will step off the platform and into the roller coaster, or if he will play it safe. Amazingly, Peter decides not to play it safe but rather steps into the swirling storm of life. There he begins to sink and drown, but it’s also there that he discovers God reaching out and grasping him. Had he played it safe and stayed in the boat, he might never have known God’s saving hand. He also realizes that what Jesus came preaching was not an amusement park of fun and games but rather a kingdom where life is known only through great risk.

Such is the story of all of our lives when we must choose between a life of apparent security and the real life that is always revealed through risk and trust. Such choices may arise when we face the prospect of marriage counseling or first-time parenting or late-life parent or job loss or spouse loss or health loss or even what may appear to be loss of faith. At these times, not to step out of the boat and into the swirling storm, not to risk all for the sake of all is to lose all. On the other hand, to step out, even though it be with great fear, is to meet our saving God.

.Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” No matter how strong the winds, Jesus is there to take our hands and guide our marriage. Restore, renew and rekindle your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend scheduled for 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 at 302.220.9833.

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

St. Monica’s Teardrop Devotional Mass

Join the Columbiettes on the Feast of St. Monica, Wednesday, August 27, 2014 in praying to bring back all those who have fallen away from the Church at a special Devotional Mass celebrated by Fr. Molewski, at St. Hedwig Church, 408 S. Harrison St., Wilmington, DE. 6 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Rosary, Benediction and 6:30 pm Tear-drops of St. Monica Devotional Mass.

Catholic Diocese of Wilmington

The priests of our Diocese dedicate their lives in service to the Church in the name of Christ. Theirs is a lifetime of service to the laity. Because of this service, the Diocese is committed to providing our priests a dignified retirement which includes a pension benefit and health care. In the current issue of the Dialog, learn more about the Trust for the Welfare and Retirement of Priests and the Sustaining Hop for the Future campaign. For more information pick up your copy today as you leave Mass or visit the diocesan website, www.cdow.org. Click on the Sustaining Hope for the Future icon.

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 for a few weeks after Easter to deepen our knowledge of Catholicism.

To register, please reply below, mail to:

St. Matthew Religious Education ~ 1013 E. Newport pike ~ Wilmington, Delaware 19804 or deposit your registration in the drop-box at the door.

Please contact me about enrolling in the Christian Initiation program.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail and/or phone number _____

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

St. John/Holy Angel's International Food Festival

August 24, 2014

St. John/Holy Angel's Parish will host their 4th annual International Food Festival in Fremont Hall at Holy Angels, 82 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE. 19711 on Sunday, August 24, from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Entry tickets are \$10 and entitle you to 10 tickets valued at \$1.00 each. A wide variety of cultural tasting opportunities from various countries around the world will be available to purchase using these tickets. Additional tickets will be available to purchase at the event. Raffles will be held. Check out our website and Facebook page for more information. www.stjohn-holyangels.com. Or, for more information contact aprs@holyangels.net or (302)731.2219.