

The Parish Family of Saint Matthew

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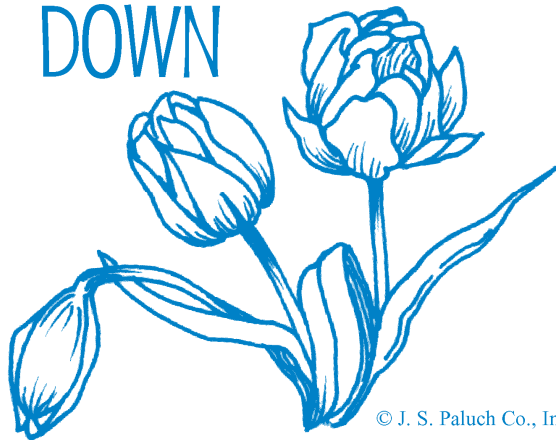
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September 6, 2009: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE LORD RAISES UP
THOSE WHO WERE
BOWED
DOWN



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Mass Schedule

Monday: 8:00am & 7:30pm
Tuesday-Friday: 7:00am & 12:10pm
Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm (4:00pm starting September 12)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am (Youth Mass), 10:30am (Pre-School Children's Liturgy), 12Noon & 5:00pm
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30-5:00pm
Prayer Network: 203-838-1549 or stmattsprayernet@yahoo.com

Knights of Columbus Council #14360: Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at 7:00pm in the Mary & Joseph Room. For information, call Gerry Grippe, 853-3649.

Our Mission Statement

The Parish Family of Saint Matthew is a prayerful Catholic Community. Empowered by the Holy Spirit to witness and celebrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we share our gifts with faith, hope and love in service to all.



Saint Matthew Church is Handicapped Accessible
We have a Cardiac Defibrillator on Premises
We are Equipped with Koala Bear Kare Diaper Changing Stations

Mass Intentions

September 8 - September 14

Monday September 7 <i>Labor Day</i>	9:00am <i>Priest's Intentions</i> No Novena Mass
Tuesday September 8	7:00am Luke Haid 12:10pm Rev. Leo Suwinski, Mary & Chester Suwinski
Wednesday September 9	7:00am August Karner 12:10pm Theresa Tourigny
Thursday September 10	7:00am Stanley Stachalczyk 12:10pm Nicholas Spagnuolo
Friday September 11	7:00am Joseph Bertram 12:10pm Harry & Terrence May
Saturday September 12	5:00pm McMahan & Morsa Families
Sunday September 13	7:30am Donald Reid 9:00am Christine Agoglia 10:30am Frances Regent 12noon Rocco Natale Jeannine Bisson Norma Kiska Kevin McBennett Arfino Perella Rose Maisano Arthur Maestro 5:00pm Mario Mastracchio

Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Chapel while
Weekend Masses are celebrated in the Church.

Wedding Banns

*II Sandra Lynn Stelmach &
Chad Vernon Ryan*

Weekly Support - August 29/30

Offertory	\$ 11, 971.00
Votives	\$ 388.93

Many thanks for your wonderful support. I'm grateful for all that you do!

Msgr. Walter

Happy Labor Day!

September 7, 2009

9:00am Mass

No 7:30pm Novena Mass

Offices are Closed.

Parish Office Hours

as of September 8, 2009

Monday - Thursday 9am to 5:30pm
Closed for Lunch 12-12:30pm

Note: Monsignor Walter is on duty on Wednesdays, no appointments needed from 11am - 12noon, 1pm-2pm, and 5pm-6pm

Friday 9am to 1pm

Saturday 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Sunday 8:30am to 1pm

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord; Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

Please remember in prayer

Mary J. Condors

We extend our sympathy to her family.

Ministry Schedule September 12/13

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009 - 4:00 PM

LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Pauline Bellatoni Pat DiCostanzo Patrick Gilcrist	Mary Fabrizio Nick Derosa Lorraine Derosa Pat Emond	Rebecca Stefanatos Eleni Stefanatos	Tom Remiszewski Pat Pizzo Joanie Ragusta Mike Sicliano Kellie Sicliano Theresa Kolenda Bob McMahon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 - 7:30 AM

LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Margaret Carlson Mary Lou Chillington Al DiGuido	MaryAnn Wehrheim Christine DiGuido Lucia Breault Anita Mancusi	William Caragine Samantha Bruer Alyssa Bruer	Joe Romano Ed Carlson Rudy Sannicandro Gene Kisken Mike Hanafee Karen Finocchio John Chironna

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 - 9:00 AM

LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Megan Pace Amanda Castro Gillian Castro Kelly Hayde	Elizabeth Birchard Gemma Castagna Rory Fahy Tatiana Munoz Jillian Winters	Ayotunde Johnson Tyler Mills Brian O'Neill Sami Ruess	Tyler Wendt Kevin Danielle Brent Bestercy Cristina Castagna Christian Habasinki Zach Cintron

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 - 10:30 AM

LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Liz Reid Bill Morgan Kirk Wennerstrom	Colleen Ehring April Wennerstrom Sally Grillo	Henry Grillo Celia Herman Katie Levine Taylor Romeo	George Uzwiak Joe Rider Charles Cochran Scott Criscolo Mike Colaluca Bruce DeNunzio Sigfried Gapusan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 - 12:00 NOON

LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Berry Pasqualini Sarah Pasqualini Megan Swillie	Vicky Sabol Mary Dominquez Gizeli R. D'Onofrio Elza Kolbay	Phillip Pasqualini Eric Porcheddu *Volunteers*	Don Morey Peter Richter Ann Vissicchio Ray Walsh *Volunteers*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 - 5:00 PM

LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
Grace Brady Troy Pinto Bob Mazurkicwicz	Joann Esposito Richard Albertelli Jeff Sansom Lisa Lattanzio	Scott Samson Madchen Miranda *Volunteers*	Patrica McCormack Rose DeSantis Edward Fitzgerald Allen Hoyt Elizabeth Somers *Volunteers*

Father Leo Suwinski Scholarships Awarded!!!

Father Leo Suwinski generously included the education of Catholic youth in his will. During his life, Father Leo had a sincere desire to assist St. Matthew youth in their Catholic education. Thanks to his generosity, we are happy to announce that several St. Matthew Parish youth have been awarded scholarships to help them further their education. All of these young people are fine examples of Catholic youth and we are very proud of them. We congratulate you on your achievements and wish you well this academic year!

Parishioner to Parishioner

Available:

(All Items are offered without charge, just make arrangements to pick them up):

- 1 twin bed with frame
- Youth size bed for ages 2-7
- 21 cubic foot refrigerator (white)
- Proform Treadmill
- Toddler outdoor play equipment
- Tandem Double Stroller (gently-used)

Needed (if you have this item available, please donate):

High-chair

If you would like one of these items or if you have an item you would like to donate to Parishioner to Parishioner, please contact Judy or Richard Balas at 203.838.6967 or email at JBBtrip@aol.com.

Please address all emails to Judy Balas with "STMPtoP" in the subject heading.

St. Matthew Bible Study

Fall 2009 Program

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

Starting in September 2009, St. Matthew is excited to announce the new Bible Study Program. We are returning to a Jeff Cavins study that explores the Book of Revelation.

The goal of the program is:

- Examine the mystery behind figures and events in the book of Revelation
- Experience the Mass as Heaven on earth.
- Look at the Antichrist and his path of destruction.
- How does the 2nd coming of Christ and Final Judgment play into history?
- Learn what the future holds!

10 Sessions – all Wednesdays, either 10am or 7pm

September 23 & 30

October 7, 14, 21, & 28

November 4 & 18

December 2, 9, 16

St. Matthew Bible Study Registration (Please cut and return to the parish office)

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Session: AM _____ PM _____

Please include a check for \$30 registration fee made payable to St. Matthew Parish.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration!

On Wednesday, Sept. 9, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will host a festive Guadalupe Celebration and procession in New Haven, featuring a rare relic of St. Juan Diego – a small piece of his miraculous tilma, nearly 500 years old.

A special Mass will be offered by Archbishop Henry Mansell at 5 pm in St. Mary's Church, with a homily by Bishop William Lori.

At 6 pm, Msgr. Eduardo Chavez, the world's foremost expert on Our Lady of Guadalupe, will speak about the apparitions.

At 6:30 pm, a procession with the relic will begin from St. Mary's Church, leading through the streets of New Haven to the K of C Museum for a fiesta in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Festivities will include a chance to individually venerate the relic, as well as Mexican food, performances, artworks and much more. All are invited.

Shuttle buses will run between the K of C Museum and St. Mary's Church from 4:00-5:00 pm and 7:30-9:00 pm. Special \$6 rate parking at the Coliseum Pro-Park Lot. (K of C Museum lot will be closed.)

See www.kofc.org/guadalupe for more information.

Filipino Catholic Ministry

Calling all Kababayan! You are invited to the inaugural Mass for the Filipino Catholic Ministry of the Diocese of Bridgeport and the celebration of the feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila on September 24, 7:00pm at St. Mary's Church, Bethel, CT. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Lori. For more information, please contact Fr. Cyrus Bartolome at 203-744-5777 ext. 114 or via e-mail at frcyrus@comcast.net.

Religious Formation

Catechist Orientation will take place on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7 PM in the Masterpool Great Room. All Catechists need to attend. You will be able to register your children for classes at this meeting as well as pick up your teacher books. You will also choose your CPP module at this time.

Parent Meeting/Registration will take place on Monday, Sept. 14 at 7 PM in the Masterpool Great Room. We will review the program for the coming year and you will be able to register your children for classes at that time. You will also choose your CPP module.

15 minute Clergy interviews will be held in September for those families with a Confirmation candidate, First Reconciliation/First Eucharist candidate and all families new to the Religious Formation program. The schedule of interview times has been emailed to all families that fall into these categories.

If you have not received an email or have any questions, please contact the Religious Formation office at 838-3788 ext 107.

Change in Mass Time Saturday Vigil Mass

The **Saturday 5:00pm Vigil Mass** will be celebrated at **4:00pm** starting Saturday, September 12. Please make note of this. Thank you! Confessions will be heard from 3:30-4pm.

Health Fair

Calling all Parishioners! We need your help to pull off the 2009 Health Fair this Fall. Please contact Kimberly Cossuto at Kimberly3293@gmail.com or 203.515.3293. We are currently looking for a chiropractor, dentist, nurses to do blood pressures, and more. If you're interested please inquire soon!!

If You Are Grieving...

*St. Matthew Bereavement Ministry
Starting in September*

The St. Matthew Parish Bereavement Ministry would like to invite parishioners who are grieving the death of a loved one to participate in weekly group sessions. The purpose of the sessions will be to provide consolation and spiritual support to parish families in need. Bereavement Counselor Rose Mettlen from St. Matthew will facilitate the discussions along with other social workers and counselors from the Ministry. Some of the session topics include: Learning about Grief, Taking Care of Yourself, Spiritual Healing, and Finding Meaning in Loss.

The group sessions will begin on Thursday, September 24th and will run weekly from 7:00-8:30 PM through November 12th. They will be held in the Mary and Joseph Room.

There is no fee for the sessions, however registration is necessary. A maximum of 15-18 people can register for the sessions. Please contact Margarita Posada at margaritaposada@optonline.net or 203-451-7880 to register by September 14th.

Marriage Preparation Coordinator

Any couple intending to be married at St. Matthew Parish must contact Lorraine Derosa, the Marriage Preparation Coordinator, as the first step in their marriage preparation.

Lorraine can be contacted by e-mail at lorraine.711@hotmail.com.

Knights of Columbus St. Matthew Council 14360

Please join the Knights of Columbus as they recite the rosary in the Chapel on **Friday, September 4 at 6pm.**

SEPTEMBER ROSARY INTENTIONS

On **Friday, September 4 at 6pm** in the Chapel, the rosary will be recited, before the repose of the Blessed Sacrament, for those who have no one to pray for them; especially the homeless, the dying, the destitute, the marginalized, the disadvantaged, the needy, the poor, the sick, and all victims of disasters. Special intentions are for all Christians who suffer persecution; especially those in India who are witnesses to the Catholic Faith.

New Horizons Luncheon Thursday September 10, 2009 at 11:45am

Menu

Ziti with Meatballs & Sweet Sausage
Salad and Dessert

Members \$10.00 Guests \$12.00

Clip Coupon and Fill in Necessary Information (Deadline: Tuesday, September 8 at 11:00am)

Due at the Meeting:

- Payment for Sept. Culinary Institute (separate check)
- Payment for Oct. Sunday Brunch (separate check)
- Membership Dues- \$10 (separate check)
- Food for the Needy

091009 Luncheon

Name: _____ Tel. No: _____

Members \$10.00 _____ Guests \$12.00 _____ Check\$ _____ Cash\$ _____ ChNo _____

Save the Date!!!

- Wednesday, September 9:** *All Staff and Clergy Meetings*
- Saturday/Sunday September 12/13:** *Annual Report/State of the Parish*
- Wednesday, September 16 7:30pm:** *Pastoral Council/All Staff/All Heads of Organizations*
- Sunday, September 26/27:** *Sign-Up Sunday*
- Wednesday, September 23:** *Vicariate Luncheon*
- Sunday, October 4:** *Rally Sunday/Catechetical Sunday- 9:00AM Mass
Food, Fun, and Music from 1-4:30PM*
- Saturday, October 17:** *Octoberfest*
- Sunday, October 25:** *Health Fair*

More details and information to follow in the weekly bulletin!!!
