

Saint Matthew Catholic Church



January 9, 2022 — The Baptism of the Lord

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Lord Jesus, increase the faith life of our parish and strengthen our families. Bless our parish with vocations to the priesthood. Call forth young men to great challenges and heroic deeds. We pray that they hear your voice and listen to your call. Give them courage, Lord, to follow in your footsteps and become priests for the salvation of souls. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.; Saturday Vigil, 4p.m.

Sunday 7 a.m.; 8:30 a.m.; 10 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Saturday 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. (* please remember to wear a mask) or by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

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Entrance: *Baptized in Water*

1. Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation,
Trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.
2. Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
One with his rising,
Freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.
3. Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of one Father,
We are his children,
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 104*



R. (1) O bless the Lord, my soul.

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! you are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak. You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth;

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

You have constructed your palace upon the waters. You make the clouds your chariot; you travel on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers, and flaming fire your ministers.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have wrought them all
the earth is full of your creatures;
the sea also, great and wide,
in which are schools without number
of living things both small and great.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

They look to you to give them food in due time. When you give it to them, they gather it; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

Offertory: *When John Baptized by Jordan's River*

1. When John baptized by Jordan's river
In faith and hope the people came,
That John and Jordan might deliver
Their troubled souls from sin and shame.
They came to seek a new beginning,
The human spirit's ageless quest,
Repentance, and an end of sinning,
Renouncing ev'ry wrong confessed.
2. There as the Lord, baptized and praying,
Rose from the stream, the sinless one,
A voice was heard from heaven saying,
"This is my own beloved Son."
There as the Father's word was spoken,
Not in the pow'r of wind and flame,
But of his love and peace the token,
Seen as a dove, the Spirit came.
3. O Son of Man, our nature sharing,
In whose obedience all are blest,
Savior, our sins and sorrows bearing,
Hear us and grant us this request:
Daily to grow, by grace defended,
Filled with the Spirit from above;
In Christ baptized, beloved, befriended,
Children of God in peace and love.

Communion: *Shall We Gather at the River*

1. Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide for ever
Flowing by the throne of God?

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.**

2. On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day.
3. Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown.

4. Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

Recessional : *Love divine, All Loves Excelling*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us your humble dwelling,
All your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, source of all compassion,
Love unbounded, love all pure;
Visit us with your salvation,
Let your love in us endure.
2. Come, Almighty, to deliver,
Let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
Serve you as your hosts above,
Pray, and praise you without ceasing,
Glory in your precious love.
3. Finish then your new creation,
Pure and spotless, gracious Lord.
Let us see your great salvation
Perfectly in you restored.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we sing before the Almighty
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

First Reading: *Is 42:1-4, 6-7*

“Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.”

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 104*

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Second Reading: *Acts 10:34-38*

“Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

Alleluia:



The heavens were opened, God’s voice was heard, “This is my Son, listen to him.”

Gospel: Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church

II. THE REVELATION OF GOD AS TRINITY, cont'd

246 The Latin tradition of the Creed confesses that the Spirit "proceeds from the Father and the Son (*filioque*)." The Council of Florence in 1438 explains: "The Holy Spirit is eternally from Father and Son; He has his nature and subsistence at once from the Father and the Son. He proceeds eternally from both as from one principle and through one spiration... And, since the Father has through generation given to the only-begotten Son everything that belongs to the Father, except being Father, the Son has also eternally from the Father, from whom he is eternally born, that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Son."

247 The affirmation of the *filioque* does not appear in the Creed confessed in 381 at Constantinople. But Pope St. Leo I, following an ancient Latin and Alexandrian tradition, had already confessed it dogmatically in 447, even before Rome, in 451 at the Council of Chalcedon, came to recognize and receive the Symbol of 381. The use of this formula in the Creed was gradually admitted into the Latin liturgy (between the eighth and eleventh centuries). The introduction of the *filioque* into the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed by the Latin liturgy constitutes moreover, even today, a point of disagreement with the Orthodox Churches.

248 At the outset the Eastern tradition expresses the Father's character as first origin of the Spirit. By confessing the Spirit as he "who proceeds from the Father", it affirms that he comes from the Father through the Son. The Western tradition expresses first the consubstantial communion between Father and Son, by saying that the Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son (*filioque*). It says this, "legitimately and with good reason", for the eternal order of the divine persons in their consubstantial communion implies that the Father, as "the principle without principle", is the first origin of the Spirit, but

also that as Father of the only Son, he is, with the Son, the single principle from which the Holy Spirit proceeds. This legitimate complementarity, provided it does not become rigid, does not affect the identity of faith in the reality of the same mystery confessed.



St. Matthew's Weekly Offertory Collection

We are very grateful for our parishioners who continue to make their weekly contribution to St. Matthew's. Your generosity is vital to meet our expenses and serve our parishioners. For your contributions please note that you can:

- 1) Mail your envelopes to the rectory office.
- 2) Use our Offertory "drop-off" window in the rectory office entrance.
- 3) Use our online giving app. Registering is easy! Just go to our webpage at www.stmatthewrcc.com and click WAYS TO GIVE.



Thank you very much for your faithful support!



Dear Parishioners, Please let us know if you have an **address change**. Many of you let us know you've moved by updating your address on your weekly envelopes. This is a great way to keep our census current. Thank you!



A DECISION OF FAITH

Giving freely of ourselves – whether it is a gift of our time, our talent, or our treasure – isn't always easy or comfortable. It is a decision of faith, and it is the result of much prayer and self-evaluation, as we consider our many blessings and our responsibility to use them wisely in the service of the Lord. As you consider your commitment to our future through the **Forward with Faith** campaign, we invite you to reflect upon four questions that may help you determine the appropriate amount to pledge.

- Is your pledge motivated by love and gratitude to God – a way to acknowledge all the ways that God has blessed you?
- Does your pledge stretch your faith by lifting you beyond your comfort zone, causing a new selflessness on your part and requiring you to place your trust first in God?
- Do you feel a sense of purpose and a spirit of joy in making your pledge rather than a sense of obligation or guilt?
- Will your support serve as a loving witness that would inspire those who know you?

If you have not already done so, I hope you will join me in making a sacrificial gift to **Forward with Faith**. Together, we will meet the challenges of our future and leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

*Thank you to all who have given thus far to help make our campaign a success. All gifts to the **Forward with Faith** campaign of any size are greatly appreciated!*

For more information, please visit www.hartfordbishopsfoundation.org/forwardwithfaith



Holy Hour
Respect for Life
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Protectress of the Unborn

St. Matthew Church
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
6:00 p.m.

- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- **Rosary**
- **Songs - Respect for Life - sung between decades**
- **Benediction**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available through the day immediately following the **7:30 a.m. Mass** and concluding with **6:00 p.m. Holy Hour**.

... *Please join us in prayer* ...

St. Matthew School
needs your
help



We are in need of a long term substitute for our

Middle School from March to May for *this* school year 2021-2022. If you are interested, please call Mrs. Treacy at the school **(860) 583-5214** to set up an appointment.

Thank you so much for your assistance here!

“The ABCs of Annulment”

When: Saturday January 22
Time: from 10 a.m. to Noon
Where: Church Hall of St Margaret Church, 24 Academy St, Madison.

The “ABCs of Annulment” event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry at 475-221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com.



A Pew Research Center study conducted before the Covid-19 pandemic found that for every person that joins the Catholic Church, 6.5 people leave, and that 50% of young people who were raised Catholic no longer consider themselves Catholic. Today those numbers are likely much worse.

Heeding God's call to come back to Him, St. Matthew Parish is forming a group to meet monthly to pray, share experiences, and learn ways to draw back into communion with the faith, those loved ones who have disengaged themselves from the Church. We will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning on **January 19th at 6:30 pm in the Father Blaney Room.**

We will use the book, *Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church* by Brandon Vogt, published by Word on Fire Press, to explore why people leave the Catholic church and identify the reason(s) our family member left as well as tools for opening and maintaining a channel of communication for drawing them back. In so doing, we will strengthen our own understanding of Church teachings. As the group progresses, other resources such as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* will likely direct group conversations. Fr. Dietrich will also be available at times to join our discussion.



There is no cost. Pre-registration is required to ensure that we order enough books. You may register by dropping the registration form below into the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory.

Return to Me Group registration:

Name:

Email address:

Phone:

or by emailing, Lizette Pelletier at lizettep58@gmail.com

Dear Parishioners:

If you would like to have the name of a loved one included in our **prayer list**, please, call the parish office during business hours.



The prayer list is updated weekly.

Jill Synnott, Rita Lagasse, Ann Conroy, Kim Romano, Ada Zoccoli, Frank Baldino, Paul D'Aprile, Diane Bouchard, Barbara Morgan-Young, Murillo Bouchard, Theresa Letizia Darby, Betty Ann Silver, Gary Wycko, Sr., Lisa Harkey-Smith, Daniel Murzin, Kenneth Roy, Alice Casper, Cecilia Dombrowski, Debra Bachman, Diane Theodora, JoAnn Wagner, Larry DeSimone, Loreta DiPietro, Carol Carrasco and Robert Johnston.

January 9—January 15



The Sanctuary Lamp, The Candle of St. Joseph and The Blessed Mother Candle are lit this week, in honor of *all living and deceased members of St. Matthew Parish.*

**Family Chalice For Vocations
Al and Shirley Stone
4:00 p.m.**



will receive the Family Chalice for Vocations and pray for Vocations during the next week. If you would like to sign up to receive the Family Chalice for Vocations please contact Rich and Donna Slusz at (860) 589-4318.

Daily Mass Readings

10 Monday —

1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

11 Tuesday —

1 Sm 1:9-20; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Mk 1:21-28

12 Wednesday —

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

13 Thursday — St. Hilary, Bishop

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

14 Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

15 Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17



Mass Intentions



Saturday

8:30 a.m.

January 8th

† Daniel Long (2nd anniversary)
by his mother, Rachel Long

4:00 p.m.

† Veronica Gardner by Margaret Roscoe
† George and Mary Gagnon
by Barbara Gagnon

Sunday

7:00 a.m.

January 9th

† Mattie Soucier
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Boilard

8:30 a.m.

† Cecile Godbout by Masotti family

10:00 a.m.

† Ernest Maynard (anniversary)
by Jean Maynard

11:30 a.m.

† Jay Johnson by Fioretta D'Amico
and family

5:00 p.m.

† Donald Therriault by Carole Therriault
and family

Monday

7:30 a.m.

January 10th

† Jay Johnson by The Clark family

Tuesday

7:30 a.m.

January 11th

† Robert and Loretta Gibson

Wednesday

7:30 a.m.

January 12th

All living and deceased members of
St. Matthew Parish

Thursday

7:30 a.m.

January 13th

† Robert L. Cote (birthday remembrance)
by his wife, Lorraine Cote

Friday

7:30 a.m.

January 14th

All living and deceased members of
St. Matthew Parish

Saturday

8:30a.m.

January 15th

† Mary Jane and Laureat Nadeau
by Ron and Mike Nadeau

4:00 p.m.

† All deceased members of the Horan and
Deasy family by family

Sunday

7:00 a.m.

January 16th

† Robert and Loretta Gibson

8:30 a.m.

† Nardito and Teresita Asido
by Patterson family

10:00 a.m.

† Fank Magnano (9th anniversary)
by his wife, Linda and family

11:30 a.m.

† Conrad (Bill) Pinette (1st anniversary)
by his wife, Jeannine and family

5:00 p.m.

† Kelly Thompson by Becky (Nadeau)
Morones

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