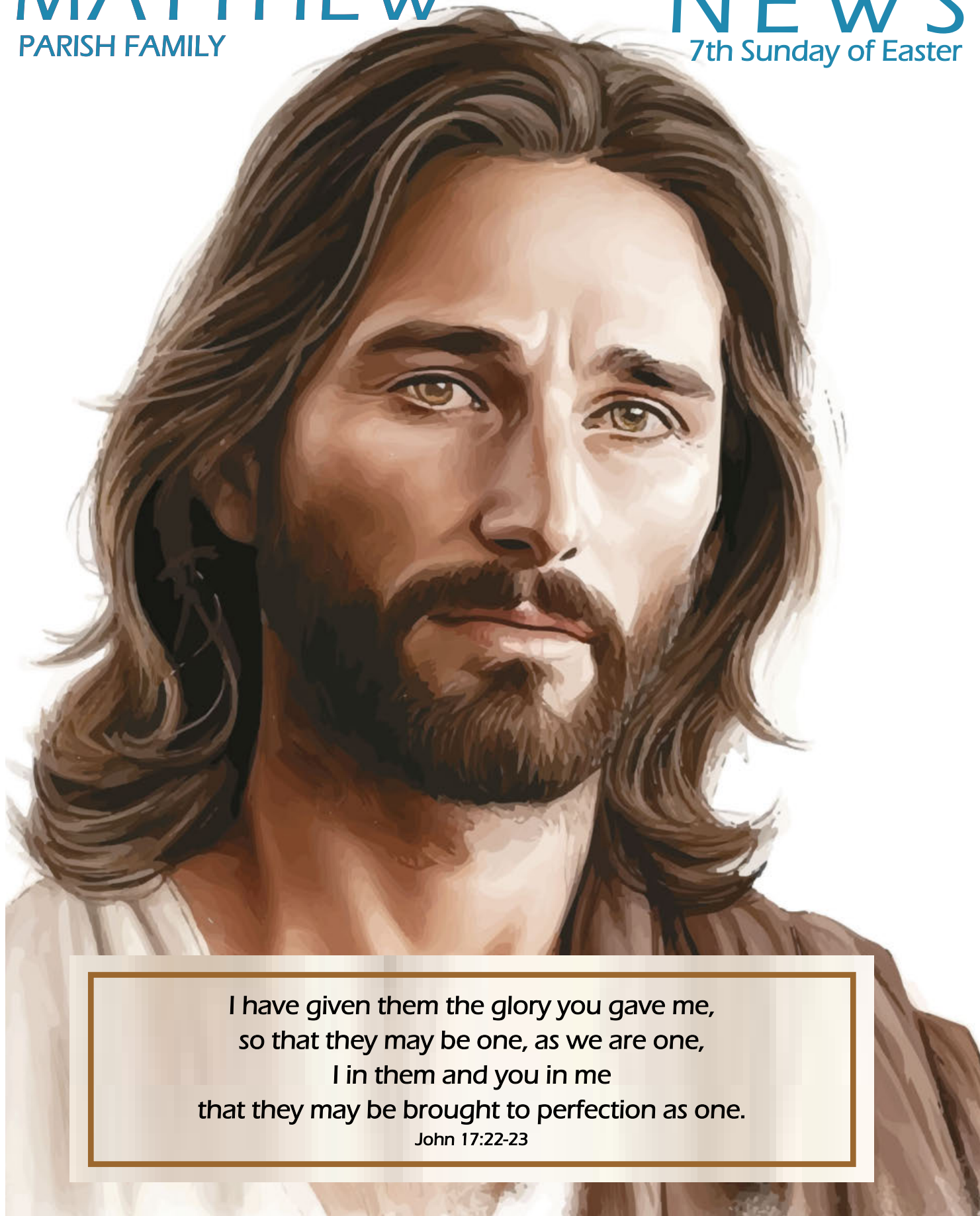


SAINT
MATTHEW
PARISH FAMILY

June 1 | 2025
NEWS
7th Sunday of Easter



I have given them the glory you gave me,
so that they may be one, as we are one,
I in them and you in me
that they may be brought to perfection as one.

John 17:22-23

*Christ Came for All. Not Some, but All.
We live His Mission of Love.*

*Love of God, love of neighbor. Our doors are open to all.
May you find Him here. May you bring Him out into
the world as bearers of His love, His Mercy, and His
forgiveness, to build up the Kingdom of God.*

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StMatthewNorwalk.org and at the Parish Office.

CHURCH HOURS

Every day: 7:00am-9:00pm (seven days per week)

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:00pm - 3:45pm

Tuesdays: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

MASSES

Monday-Friday: 12:10pm in CHURCH

Saturday: 9:00am in CHURCH

4:00pm Vigil in Church & Live Stream

Sunday: 7:30am; 9:00am; 10:30am;

12:00pm; 5:00pm in Church

Padre Pio Mass: Last Monday: 6:30pm in CHAPEL

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays: 1:00pm-7:00pm in CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST

If someone is ill, homebound or hospitalized,
please call Sr. Sally Norcross, ext.118

ADORATION CHAPEL

For access, please email: Chapel@StMatthewNorwalk.org

ANOINTING

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing: please contact
Sr. Sally, ext. 118, or ext.101.

BAPTISMS

Sundays, 1pm; Pre-Bap Workshops are held via Zoom.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW

**MON
02**

7:45am Spring Fitness Group
12:10pm Mass

**TUES
03**

12:10pm Mass
1:30pm New Horizons Movies
3:00pm Bereavement Group
6:00pm Catholic Daughters Meeting
7:00pm Confessions before First Friday

**WED
04**

9:00am Pickleball
9:30am Curbside Food Pantry through 11:30am
12:10pm Mass
1:00pm New Horizons Cards and Games
6:30pm Bingo
8:00pm AA

**THUR
05**

7:45am Spring Fitness Group
12:10pm Mass

**FRI
06**

Parish Office closed on Fridays during Summer
12:10pm Mass followed by First Friday Adoration
through 7pm
5:00pm Pickleball

**SAT
07**

9:00am Mass
9:00am Pickleball

PENTECOST—the Birthday of the Church

3:00pm Confessions
4:00pm Vigil Mass

**SUN
08**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:30am Mass
9:00am Mass - Graduate Blessing & Coffee And
10:30am Mass with OCIA Confirmation
12:00pm Mass
5:00pm Mass
6:00pm Bible Camp Volunteer Meeting

Welcome to Our Newly Baptized!

St. Matthew Warmly Welcomes

Lily Perino & Brendan Reddington

to our Parish Family!

Congratulations to their parents & loved ones!

Pre-Baptism Information



Do you have or know someone with a new baby
or young child who needs to be Baptized?

Pre-Baptism Workshops are held via Zoom.

Please contact Lorraine DeRosa, our Baptism

Coordinator, to arrange a Zoom session:

Lorraine.711@hotmail.com

Daily Masses in Church during Summer

From Fr. Frank...

It has been the custom to move the Daily 12:10pm Mass to the Chapel in the warmer months. In recent times, I am happy to say, we have seen an increase in the numbers who are attending that Mass, enough to make use of the Chapel ranging from uncomfortable to requiring people to stand. As a result, I have made the decision that the Daily Mass, Monday-Saturday, will remain in the Church.



FORWARD in FAITH June 2025 | Issue 6 Campaign News & Updates

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED A RECEPTION! Over 250 households responded!



Susan & Paul Wolff,
Campaign Co-Chairs & Fr. Frank

We are so thankful to everyone who has been able to come to one of our receptions. If you attended a reception and have not handed in your response, please do so as soon as you are able. We raised over \$132,000* from our efforts thus far. *as of May 21

Didn't have time to make it to a reception? No worries. Reception packets were mailed to households that did not attend. Fr. Frank is sharing updates about Forward in Faith on our social media channels. You can find his insights shared on both Instagram ([StMatthewChurchNorwalk](https://www.instagram.com/StMatthewChurchNorwalk)) and Facebook ([StMatthewNorwalk](https://www.facebook.com/StMatthewNorwalk)).

Next Week, June 7-8, is Commitment Weekend!

Whether you received your pledge card at a reception, or received it in the mail, please bring them to Mass next weekend and be prepared to make your commitment by submitting your pledge in the offertory. The time is NOW to help St. Matthew realize the path toward a stable financial future!

To make your pledge today,
Scan here —>

You can safely give your credit
or debit card online.

Click here: <https://bit.ly/fifcampaign>



Stewardship Thought

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." - Joshua 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

Catholic Daughters Meeting

Tuesday, June 3 | 6pm-7pm

The Catholic Daughters will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 3 from 6pm-7pm in the Mary & Joseph Room. If you have questions in regard to their mission and would like to become a member, you can reach out to Mary Buley: MTBuley42@gmail.com

Pray, Eat & Be Formed

for Adult Readers, EMHC's, Ushers & Music Ministers
Saturday, June 14 | 8:30am-10am

Fr. Frank Hoffmann will be leading "Pray, Eat, and be Formed" for Adult Readers, EMHC's, Ushers & Music Ministers: Saturday, June 14 from 8:30am-10:00am. To register, please contact JoAnn Esposito: JmStMatthew@gmail.com; 203-858-2813.

CONFESSIONS

before First Friday

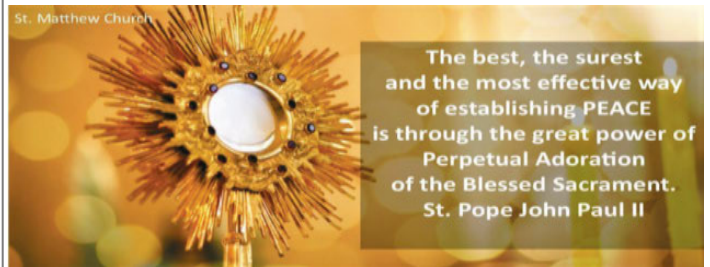
Tuesday, June 3 | 7pm – 8pm in the Church

First Friday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, June 6

begins after 12:10pm Mass through 7pm



PENTECOST SUNDAY is Next Weekend: June 7-8

Next weekend we celebrate the birthday of our Church! Pentecost marks when the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles and Mary and they received the gift of the Holy Spirit which allowed them to fulfill the works of Christ in the Church. Each of us have been given different gifts from the Holy Spirit, who is our Advocate and Guide... who leads us toward Him. The clergy wear red vestments to signify the work of the Spirit. It is also a custom at St. Matthew for the parishioners to wear red on the Day of Pentecost as well.

Fr. Frank will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation to our OCIA Candidates at the 10:30am Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.



† Mass Intentions †



Monday, June 2

12:10 pm † John DeMattia

Tuesday, June 3

12:10 pm † Nick DeRosa

Wednesday, June 4

12:10 pm † Sandy Luffy

Thursday, June 5

12:10 pm † Robert DeStefanis

Friday, June 6

12:10 pm † Stanley Tyska

Saturday, June 7

9:00 am † Jamie Lane

4:00 pm † Beverly LaJoie & Art Hornick

† Maria Fileccia

† Peter Smeriglio

† Rudy Gisolfi

† Angie D'Ambrosio

† MaryAnn Coogan

Sunday, June 8

7:30 am † David Carreon

9:00 am † Living Intention, Cristian Corona

10:30 am † Nicholas & Beatrice Calzone

† Brigitte Gorman

† Lois Paquette

† Mark Mones

† Alfred Schuster

† James N. Bellantoni

12:00 pm † Parishioners of St. Matthew

5:00 pm † Msgr. Walter C. Orłowski

In Loving Memory

Please pray for all those
who have entered into Eternal Life, especially:

† **Marianne Pia**

† **Chip Cingari** † **Mary D'Souza**

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual
light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

Parish Support

The Parish Offertory was not available due to the Memorial Day early deadline from the bulletin publisher. The totals will be published in the next bulletin.

"No single act of love for God will be lost, no generous effort is meaningless, no painful endurance is wasted. All of these encircle our world like a vital force."

(Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium, 279)

We are grateful to God for the wonderful ways our Parish Family comes together to worship, celebrate the Sacraments, form our children, build our community and serve those in need. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Parish programs and Ministries! The Parish is only able to offer what we do with your support.



For your convenience,
we have two secure
Online Giving options.

St. Matthew Online Giving (left QR scan)
or **PayPal** (right QR)



The Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle burns
in Loving Memory of

Carmela Pirone

offered by

Agnes Finch and Sara Calise.

Please remember her in your prayers.

Communion for the Homebound

Do you have a family member or friend who is homebound and wishes to receive Communion? Please contact Sr. Sally Norcross, Pastoral Assistant: 203-838-3788, ext. 118; email: SNorcross@StMatthewNorwalk.org

2026 Mass Book

The 2026 Mass Book is open to schedule Mass Intentions, and memorialize the Sanctuary Candle or Altar Flowers. Masses and Memorials can be offered for a loved one who has died or a living person who has a special need or who is ill or suffering.
Per Fr. Frank: When the Mass book opens, Masses are limited to FIVE Masses per family to give everyone a chance to schedule a Mass.

Mass Stipends: \$10.00

Sanctuary Candle for one week: \$25.00

Sanctuary Flowers for the week: \$250.00

Parish Office Summer Hours

As in previous years, beginning June 1, the Parish Office summer schedule will be: Monday-Thursday: 9am-4pm; Friday: closed. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there's anything you need or we can help you with: StMattParish@hotmail.com; 203-838-3788, ext. 101.

THANK YOU

Dear Parish Family,

The celebration of my 35th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood was a very special day for me. With so many of you attending and stopping to speak to me after the Mass, I was filled with a great sense of gratitude, not only for the gift of the priesthood, but also for the gift of being the pastor of St. Matthew Church. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make the evening a special one, from the reception to the music, the program and the beautiful posters with photos of the big day 35 years ago. I want to thank in a special way all those who took the time to send a card and for the many gifts given to me, along with your prayers. God bless you all!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Frank

Mini-Sabbatical

Fr. Frank's Mini-Sabbatical: June 22-July 27

All the priests of our diocese are entitled to take a three-month sabbatical during our 15th and 30th years of priesthood. For me, this was particularly bad timing since the 30th year of my priesthood was 2020. I have long wanted to make the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola which is a five-week silent retreat guided by the writings of St. Ignatius and a seasoned director. But things (like the pandemic) kept getting in the way.

This past fall, I requested that Bishop Caggiano give me a "mini" sabbatical this year, my 35th. I don't want or need three months, but I did want an extended time to make the retreat. The bishop granted my request. So, on the morning of Sunday, June 22, after saying the 7:30 AM Mass, I will head up to the Eastern Point Retreat House in Gloucester, Massachusetts. After a day of introduction, the retreat will begin in earnest. The retreat will conclude on July 24 to be followed by two days of reflection. I will return to St. Matthew on Sunday, July 27.

The most frequently asked question is, is the retreat really silent? The answer is yes. Except for the daily conference with the retreat master, and the songs and responses at Mass, I will be silent. Even during meals! There are two days of relaxation during the retreat during which we will be able to speak and pretty much do what we like.

One very great gift of God to me that came as the result of the repeated delays in doing this retreat. My director for the retreat will be Fr. Michael Boughton, SJ. He only came onto the staff at the retreat house last summer. Fr. Boughton, who spent many years at Fairfield Prep, was my spiritual director for 12 years. What a blessing to have him be my director!

I will be praying for all of you during this special time. Please pray for me.



Welcome, Bishop Frank: Feast of Our Lady of the Visitation Saturday | May 31 | 5:30pm on the Chapel Grounds

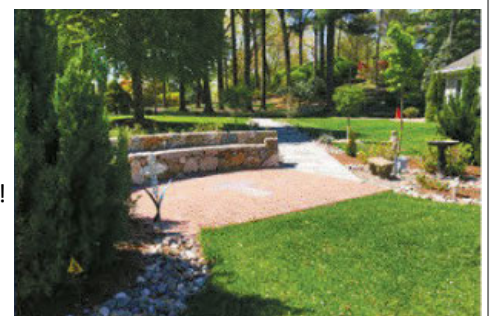


Dear Parish Family,

This weekend on Saturday, the Feast of the Visitation, we will have a special event with the blessing of both the new statue of Our Lady of the Visitation and the Msgr. Walter Memorial Garden by Bishop Caggiano.

Msgr. Walter's family has been so generous to provide a place for prayer and meditation on the beautiful grounds of the Chapel of Our Lady of the Visitation. And another donor has generously provided the funds to purchase and install a statue of the moment that Our Lady meets her cousin Elizabeth, a moment the Scriptures tells us, when John the Baptist, in his first action as the forerunner of Christ, leaps in his mother's womb for joy. How blessed we are as a parish to have these two beautiful signs of God's love and care for each and every one of us. Alleluia!!
In Christ,

Fr. Frank



Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: In today's Gospel, Jesus prays for me. And for you. And for all the people who woke up this morning and headed to Mass because, while it's true that God is everywhere, the Body and Blood of Jesus is only found in one place.

That the World May Believe

I love today's Gospel because, in it, Jesus prays for me.

And you.

And the guy sitting next to you at Mass. And the priest, and the altar server, and all the people in all the churches in all the towns in all the world who woke up this morning and headed to Mass because, while it's true that God is everywhere, the Body and Blood of Jesus is only found in one place.

And he prays for the barista who will sell you your coffee later today and see your crucifix and hear you say, "God bless," and think, "That's a weird necklace, and I don't believe in God," but who will one day, at her lowest point, wonder if anyone ever truly loved her, and remember the sight of that broken and bloodied Corpus.

Today, Jesus prays for the person you passed on the way into the parking lot this morning, the one who doesn't go to Mass anymore but who always walks his dog on this street, on this morning, for reasons he can't explain.

He prays for your great-great grandparents and your great-great grandchildren.

"Those who will believe in me through their word." That's me. That's you. That's us. We're the ones who believe through the word of the Apostles, who bore witness to the life and death and Resurrection of the God-Man, Jesus Christ, and whose testimony to that life is an eternal flame illuminating the understanding of every human being who will ever say, "I believe."

But if we listen to what Jesus says today, we must understand: it's not just the Apostles' job, and it's not done. It's not a book that is closed. It's a mission that is alive and ongoing, and it's as much ours as it was theirs: *that the world may believe that you sent me.*

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

Answer:

Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?



Pray the Rosary

After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Holy Rosary is the prayer most pleasing to Our Lady. Why? Because it brings us closer to Jesus. That is the single most important reason we should pray the Holy Rosary: through it, we grow closer to Our Lord. Mary brought forth new life for all as the Mother of God, and she brings forth new life in our souls through meditating on the mysteries.

The Rosary is prayed from the ambo on the First Weekend of the month prior to Mass. And the Matthew Parish Family gathers on Zoom to pray the Rosary, every Sunday at 8pm. You can pray via cell phone or via your computer's Zoom account. For the Zoom link to join on the night of the Rosary, click here: stmatthewnorwalk.org/parish-rosary-on-zoom/ QUESTIONS or difficulty connecting, please contact Patrick Kelley, who leads the Zoom Rosary: PatWmKelley@gmail.com

St. Matthew Church CHOSEN as PILOT PARISH for THE ONE for Pastoral & Spiritual Renewal!



What is The One?

There is a single invitation offered to each of us by Christ: Encounter Him more deeply in mind, heart, and will. Once we encounter the person of Christ, learn more about Him, fall in love with Him, and share His life with others, our own faith becomes more profound. Then, as missionary disciples in the world, we can accompany others who want to join in the journey, calling each of our brothers and sisters to their own encounter.

WE NEED YOU!

As a pilot parish, we will be among the first to implement new initiatives and opportunities for encounter, formation, and accompaniment. We will be on the leading edge of growth and renewal in our Diocese with special access to support and resources. Together we will model for other parishes how the diocese and parishes can work together to lead the faithful to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through His Church.

Please help by completing the following brief surveys:



Parish Engagement Survey

What do you seek? Are there opportunities in the parish that you cannot find? How can we help? This quick survey asks some reflective questions about your experience as a parishioner so we can work together to offer services, formation opportunities, and chances to connect with one another based on your needs. Please respond by June 1.



Called to Mission

This quick 10-question self-assessment helps you discern what areas of ministry are best suited for your busy lifestyle, your own gifts and talents, and the way you feel you could serve our faith community. Please respond by June 15.



HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Our 2025 St. Matthew Scholarships are open to all St. Matthew Youth Parishioners who are attending a Catholic High School or any College. Apply Now Online. Applications due by Friday, June 6 by 5pm.

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- All information on the [Scholarship Form](#) must be complete in order to qualify!
- This is a Catholic Scholarship.
- Youth must be active participants in Parish Life at St. Matthew Church (i.e. Mass Minister, Volunteer, etc.) and must be able to provide evidence from your school that you are doing the same.
- Youth must attend Mass weekly.
- **IMPORTANT: DO NOT SEND ITEMS IN SEPARATE EMAILS.** Send **ONLY ONE EMAIL** with the following attachments: Application, Photo, Transcript & One-Page Essay. **Due FRIDAY, JUNE 6 @5PM**

Ministry Budgets & Calendars Due

Reminder... All Ministry & Organization Budgets and Meeting Calendars for 2025-2026 are **due this weekend.**

Please send Budgets to Steve Buckett: SBuckett@StMatthewNorwalk.org

Send Calendars to Carol Cosgrove: StMattRecCenter@gmail.com.

Faith Formation



Phone: 203-838-3788, ext. 107; email: StMattRelEd@gmail.com
 Janet Mitchell, Director of Religious Education
 Terri Sargent, Confirmation Coordinator

Gr. 7 Confirmation

Wednesday, June 18:
 6pm - Confirmation Rehearsal
 (Sponsor and Student - attendance required)

Friday, June 20:
 6pm CONFIRMATION (students need to arrive at 5pm)

Giving Tree Tags for St. Matthew Bible Camp



Help support our upcoming True North Bible Camp! Giving Trees are at our entrances of the Church. Please consider taking a tag or two to purchase much-needed items and gift cards to support this great camp for the children of St. Matthew!

Please drop off items to the Parish Office by JUNE 2.
 Thank you for your support!!! Questions? Please contact Clare or Janet: SaintMattBibleCamp@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP

Katrina Pesta, Youth Ministry Coordinator
YouthCoordinator@StMatthewNorwalk.org 203-838-3788, ext. 115

Sunday, June 8
Blessing of the Graduates at 9am Mass
 Please RSVP to Katrina with your Grade (5th, 8th, HS, College, Post-Grad): YouthCoordinator@StMatthewNorwalk.org

**Blessing of
 our
 GRADUATES!**
June 8th at 9 o'clock mass

Sunday, June 8: 9:00am Mass
 followed by "Coffee And"

Are you or someone in your family graduating from Kindergarten, middle school, high school, college or beyond?

Please join us for a special Mass with Blessing of Graduates!
 • Please send us the name of the Graduate and school from which they are graduating so they can be prayed for at the Mass: YouthCoordinator@stmatthewnorwalk.org

Vacation Bible Camp



June 23-27: 9:00am –12:30pm
FOR YOUTH *PRE-K - Gr. 5*

*Join us for VACATION BIBLE CAMP,
 the BEST WEEK OF THE YEAR!*
*True North - the Ultimate Alaskan Adventure
 where northern lights glow over majestic mountains,
 racing rivers, and glistening glaciers.*

PreK-K children must have attended a Pre-School Program and be Potty-Trained.



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BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEERS - MEETINGS

Sunday, June 8 @ 6:00pm in the Great Room
Wednesday, June 18 @ 6:00pm in the Great Room

MIDDLE SCHOOL, TEENS & ADULTS.

Volunteer Hours: 8:30am - 1:00pm (2pm on Friday). Volunteers must attend Volunteer Meetings. **Questions?** Please contact Clare Gutowski or Janet Mitchell: SaintMattBibleCamp@gmail.com



Msgr. Walter C. Orłowski
**Recreation
Wellness Center**



Jay Egan, Executive Director; Carol Cosgrove, Special Events Coordinator
For operational use or programming inquiries:
203-838-3788, ext. 108; StMattRecCenter@gmail.com

REC CENTER HOURS*

Monday – Friday: 7:00am – 9:00pm; Sat & Sun: 7:00am -7:00pm

*Court Level is closed to Public the following hours:

Mondays & Thursdays: 7:00am-9:00am AND 3:00pm -9:00pm;
Tuesdays: 3:00pm-9:00pm; Wednesdays: 9:00am-11:00am AND
3:00pm-9:00pm; Fridays: 5:00pm-9:00pm; Saturdays: 9:00am-
11:00am

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH
FITNESS GROUP
Msgr. Walter C. Orłowski
REC CENTER

Mondays & Thursdays

7:45am, Court Level through June 12

Strength, Toning, Balance, Endurance, Flexibility for Women.
All ages, all Fitness levels. Contact Aggie Squeo: 203-852-1036.

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH
PICKLEBALL
Msgr. Walter C. Orłowski
REC CENTER

Join the Fun!

**Wed/Sat: 9am-11am & Friday: 5pm-7pm
10 wks Open Play through June 7**

Beginners, Advanced Beginners, Lower Intermediate

\$25 Unlimited Sessions for Parishioners
Contact George Piro: GeorgePiro@aol.com.
Sign up to play by scanning QR code. →



Pilgrimage to:
Italy



Jubilee 2025

October 20-30, 2025

FR. MIGUEL, SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Join Fr. Miguel on a Spiritual Pilgrimage to Italy for the Jubilee Year!
Venice | Florence | Assisi | Rome

Opportunity to Pass through the Holy Doors of the Basilica of St. Peter in Vatican City and three other major Basilicas

Join Fr. Miguel for a special Pilgrimage to Italy during the Jubilee Holy Year! This pilgrimage will offer a unique opportunity to deepen our faith, discover the rich history of the Catholic Church, and explore the beautiful sights of Italy including the opportunity to pass through the Holy Doors of the Basilica of St. Peter in Vatican City & the other 3 Major Basilicas.

The Jubilee is a special year of grace, in which the Catholic Church offers the faithful the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence by crossing the Holy Doors, which are only opened every 25 years during the Jubilee Year. **For details** on this Oct. 20-30, 2025 Pilgrimage, and to download the brochure, please [CLICK HERE](#) or **SCAN QR CODE!**

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**EXPLORE HOLY EUROPE
With Father Paul Sankar**

SEPTEMBER 16–25, 2025

COUNTRIES:	France Portugal and Spain with stops in Paris, Lourdes, Burgos, Salamanca, Santiago de Compostela, Fatima, Lyon, Toulouse, Ars-sur-Formans and Lisbon
ATTRACTIONS:	Eiffel Tower, Basilica of St. John Vianney, Grotto/ Church in Lourdes, Burgos Cathedral, Salamanca Cathedral, Cathedral of St. James, Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima, and the Church of St. Anthony
FEATURES:	Guided by Rev. Paul Sankar Round-trip airfare Three meals per day Transport to attractions Hotel stays in ★★ and ★★★ properties Transport from Norwalk to JFK Airport
COST:	\$3,500/person USD 11-days, 10-nights

Tour provided by Exza Travel. Specifics on sightseeing /inclusions covered in the cost are outlined in the full itinerary.

For additional information or to receive a copy of the complete itinerary, contact Father Paul Sankar by phone at: 361-563-7400 or by email at: FrPaulRaj@yahoo.com.

Learn, Grow, Connect



St. Jerome Bible Study with Fr. Frank

Come learn more about the meaning & message of the *upcoming weekend's readings*! Fr. Frank leads an in-depth look at the readings with explanation, prayer, & discussion. No fee. All are welcome!

Mondays: 7pm-8:30pm in the Great Room

Will not meet until last session: June 16



Walking with Purpose Bible Study for Women

Enjoy a deeper personal relationship with Jesus through personal Bible study and small group discussions. Contact: Noelle Vasquez & Ellen Arsenault:
Wwp.StMatthewNorwalk@gmail.com

June 10: 6:30pm-8pm



Padre Pio Prayer Group

Meetings set around Mass, Prayers, Adoration, Benediction with Rosary and prayers for the Holy Father's intentions. All are welcome!

**Last Monday of the month at 6:30pm in Chapel
June 30**



Catholic Daughters

Members support the Catholic Church, the clergy, and various educational and charitable causes. Meets 1st Sunday after the 10:30am Mass.

Contact Mary Buley: MTBuley42@gmail.com

Meeting: June 3



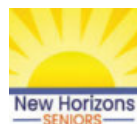
BLOOD PRESSURE

Parish Nurses Blood Pressure Checks

Promotes wellness and healing through blood pressure screenings on the First Weekend of each month (Oct. through May).

Contact Nancy Mola: NancyMola@gmail.com

Will resume in the Fall.



New Horizons Seniors

New Horizons is a group of Parish Members 60 yrs & older. Our goal is to provide enrichment for the spiritual and social life of our members.

Contact Joan Walsh: JoanMWalsh@optonline.net

Movies in the Newman Center: June 3, 10

Tuesdays at 1:30pm (Sept - June). No reservations..

Cards & Games in the Mary & Joseph Room: June 4, 11

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 1pm (Sept - June). Bring your own games & snacks. RSVP: Claire Bartoli: Claire_Bartoli@yahoo.com

Monthly Mass & Luncheon: June 12

Reservations required. Contact Joe Tremonte: 203-846-2783.



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Liturgical Ministry

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Contact JoAnn Esposito: JMStMatthew@gmail.com



Choirs for all Ages

New to the area? Looking to get involved? Come Join a Choir: Little Angels, Psalm, Youth, Adult Choir. We have choirs for all ages! No auditions. Contact Val Wyman, Director, for info: 203-451-5959.

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Contact: Chris O'Connor: ChrisOConnor14@yahoo.com

Family Communion Luncheon: Postponed.

**Meetings: June 11 @ 7pm; June 25 @ 7:30pm in Rectory
June 25 @ 6:45pm Degree Ceremony in Church**



St. Matthew Food Pantry

The St. Matthew Food Pantry provides non-perishable groceries & necessities serving over 80 families in the

Norwalk Community on Wednesdays: 9:30am-11:30am.

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Contact Elizabeth Szczygiel: ElizabethSzczygiel@gmail.com

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Proceeds benefit St. Matthew Ministry Programs and outreach.

Volunteers needed setting up, breaking down, and selling at the Bingo. If you can help, please contact Frank Billowitz: FrankJB13@gmail.com.

There will be a few times during the year that Bingo will not be held due to weather, holidays, etc. If you would like to be notified, please contact Bingo@StMatthewNorwalk.org to receive emails.

NO BINGO 6/18 & 25 (Bible Camp)



Youth Choir Director Opening

St. Matthew is seeking an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher with a positive attitude to join our Music Ministry Staff!

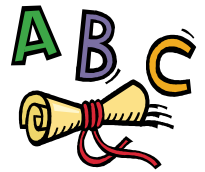
The Youth Choir Director works with the Pastor, music director, and staff to plan liturgies, prepares and teaches weekly hymns, psalms, meditation songs/anthems and Mass parts from September to May.

Professional skills required include but not limited to, conducting, singing and choral techniques, piano proficiency a MUST, teaching and leadership skills, knowledge of Latin and Spanish helpful but not required.

Thursday weekly rehearsals from 6-7pm and Sunday morning Mass at 9am (with rehearsal prior to Mass) as well as other rehearsals and other liturgies including Thanksgiving, Interfaith service, Christmas and Holy Week/ Easter as well as First Communion/Confirmation services. The Youth Choir Director will be communicating with members/ families weekly by email/ texts as needed as well as organizing folders and robes for all choir members.

Send resume to: Valerie Wyman, Music Director:
VWyman@stmatthewnorwalk.org

New Horizons June Luncheon Scholarships & Elections



Thursday, June 12, 12:10pm

Enhance Your Spiritual Life with Mass at 12:10PM, Luncheon to immediately follow!

MENU

Chicken Piccata, Rice & String Beans, Mixed Green Salad, Dessert & Beverages

Members \$14 **Guests \$17**
Please remember your donations for the St. Matthew Food Pantry.

Deadline date: Monday, June 9 @ 11:00 am
For more info: Joe Tremonte 203-846-2783

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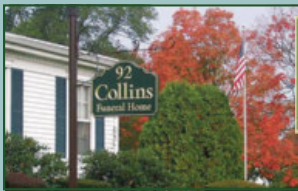
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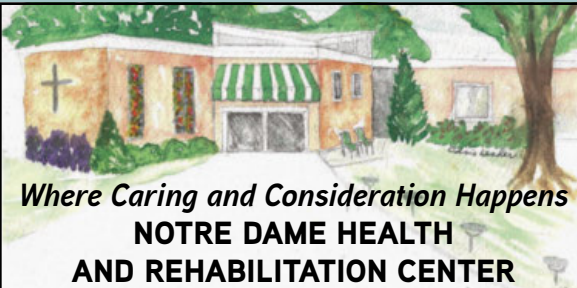


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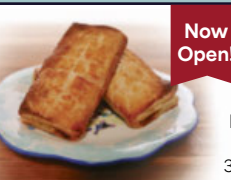
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