SAINT MATTHEW CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

United by Faith

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Welcome!

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Weekend Masses:
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sundays 8:30am & 11:00am

Weekday Masses:
Tue - Thu @Noon
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Monday-Friday

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WELCOME! TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY
BIENVENIDOS *THANK YOU* FOR COMING

COMING UP NEXT

- A Gift for the Advent Season

St. Matthew is offering all Parishioners the free book ***"The True Meaning of Christmas"*** by author **Michael Patrick Barber**. Copies, one/family are available in the Commons this weekend though Sunday, Dec. 12th.

- Instrumental Musical Ensemble!

St. Matthew's Instrumental Musicians will present a selection of Christmas music on **December 19th at 10:40am**, prior to the 11:00 mass. Please come early and enjoy the *Sounds of the Season* and support your talented parish musicians.

- Share Your Christmas - ANGEL TREE

Thank you to all those who have taken Gift Tags to help **needy families in Durham this Christmas.** Drop off wrapped gifts in the church by Noon **Sunday. Dec 12th.** Gifts will be taken to the Volunteer Center that day.

- Christmas Cookies Project for Families

If your family will be participating in the Christmas Cookie Project for **Durham Community Food Pantry**, please bring your cookie kit donations to the church by Noon, Sunday, December 12.

- CHRISTMAS CARDS for Residents of Eno Pointe -

St. Matthew is again collecting Christmas Cards for the residents of *Eno Pointe Assisted Living*. You may donate cards in a basket in the Commons through **Sun. Dec. 12.** They'll be delivered the week of Dec. 13th.

- Last Bible Study of 2021

Monday Dec. 13th at 7PM via ZOOM, Father Robby will have Part 2 of his discussion on why we only read certain Bible passages at Masses, from the Lectionary, throughout the year. *See website or newsletter for Link.*

- Only a Few Slots left for ADVENT CANDLE Families

An opportunity for families or couples to light the Advent Candles on our altar wreath, prior to each of the **weekend Masses through Dec. 18/19.** Volunteers please use the sign-up form found on our Website & Newsletter, or call the parish office.

- Advent Angelus Prayer & Confession

During Advent, we are reciting the *Angelus Prayer* to our Holy Mother Mary prior to our Wed. Noon Masses (prayer cards provided). Father Robby is also having additional **Reconciliation** during Advent on Wednesdays from 12:45-1:15pm, following the Noon Mass.

- Rosary for our Nation

Ignited By Truth is organizing this event to honor Our Lady of Fatima's request for First Saturdays prayers. A Rosary & the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed. Marian hymns will also be sung. Please join us as we pray for our country. **Saturday, January 1, 2022, 11:00 am** - 12:00 pm: St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 940 Carmichael St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514

SERVICES

Saturday, December 11
5:00 pm Mass— +Joel Lipsey by Cathy Lipsey
Sunday, December 12
8:30am Mass— for the people of St. Matthew
11:00 am Mass – +George Cooper by Ralph & Carolyn Cooper
Monday, December 13
No Daily Mass
Tuesday, December 14
11:15am—Rosary for Life
Noon Mass— +Marc Geers by Marcia Geers
Wednesday, December 15
Noon Mass - +Dick Bunders by Susan Bunders
Thursday, December 16
Noon Daily Mass - +Elissa Fe Castillo by Lita Castillo
Friday, December 17
No Daily Mass
Saturday, December 18
5:00 pm Mass— + Rev. Robert Diegelman by the Clifton family
Sunday, December 19
8:30am Mass— for the people
11:00 am Mass – +Dan McGinty by Dorothy McGinty

Readings for the Week

Bible Readings for the week of December 5th, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-2

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Longest Night

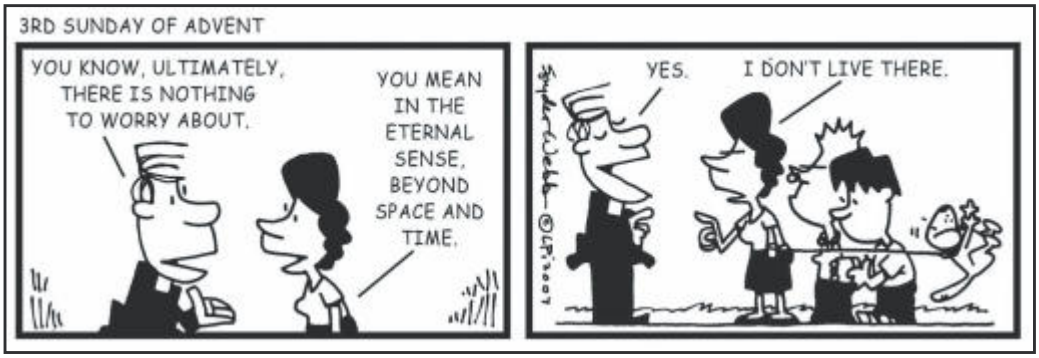
If this year you have lost a loved one, lost a job or financial security, have become stressed or overwhelmed, or are just unable to celebrate Christmas as you always have. Bring those burdens to the Lord at *The Longest Night.* **Tuesday, December 21 7:00PM** at St. John Fisher Chapel, St. Thomas More South Campus, 632 Laurel Hill Road, Chapel Hill. Overflow Parking Available at St. Thomas More Church. Livestream: youtube.com/DioceseofRaleigh

Candlelight Vigil for the Homeless

On **Tuesday, Dec. 21, 7:30 PM** local ministers will lead an outdoor prayer vigil for our homeless neighbors who died this year. We remember those who passed away, light candles, pray and sing hymns. At the **Durham Farmers Market Pavilion**, 501 Foster St. Face-masked participants are welcome.

Meals on Wheels Christmas Dinner

MOW Durham and the Judea Reform Congregation delivers a hot holiday meal, prepared by a local eatery, to clients on **Christmas Eve, Fri. Dec. 24.** If you are interested in delivering meals during the day, email our Volunteer Services Coordinator at rena@mowdurham.org or call 919-667-9424



Take the Catholic Trivia Quiz

Test your Catholic Faith Knowledge:

1) D 2) D 3)C 4) D

1) The end of the Mass prayer, "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof" is A) Peace be with your B) Go in peace to love and serve the Lord C) Lamb of god D) but only say the word and I shall be healed

2) We call the Mass part where we stand and express our faith in God: A) Communion B) the Offertory C) Glory to God D) Profession of Faith

3) Before the Second Vatican Council, Mass around the world was celebrated in A) Hebrew B) French C) Latin D) Italian

4) The Catholic church's sacrament of forgiveness is called: A) Penance B) Reconciliation C) Confession D) All of these

FAITH FORMATION 2021

- Fr. Robby Bible Study Part 2 —Mon. Dec. 13, 7:00pm via Zoom
- Wednesdays Women—Wed. Dec. 15, 10:00am Kenan Room
- **Faith Formation/Youth Ministry—There are no more sessions for 2021.**

Offertory

THANK YOU for your generosity & support of our Parish and its Mission!

12-05-21	**$9,284**
YTD Offertory	$136,891
YTD Budgeted	$159,009
Year's Shortfall >	**$22,118**
2020/21 Budget	$359,500

PRAYERS

Please pray for all those suffering from illness or loss

COVID-19 delta victims, Padraig Hartigan, Rita O'Neil, Marty Jo Kulenic, Kay Chiantera, Jackson Synan, Ray Anderson, Joseph Alvin, Ethyl McEhany, Dave Kuboushek, Dave Clark, Anthony Giaeta, Marlene Vikor, Carolee Peacock, Martin Kirwan, Marcia Geers, Jack Geers, Joseph Knapp, Margaret Kohring, Don Corbett, Elsa Alva, Yvonne Rissolo, Barbara Mach, Mike Restivo, Donna Zimmerman, Stephen Dominello, Warren Maschauer, Michael Borer, Robert Kuntz, Barbara Piffl-Singletary, Cathy Lipsey, and Betty Bartch.

Pray they will be blessed with the Lord's healing peace.

Prayer Intentions will remain listed here for 4 months
Use our Website Forms to make Prayer & Mass Requests or contact the Parish Office.

Visit our Parish Website at *stmatthewcc.org*, or email *stmatthewcomm@gmail.com* for more information

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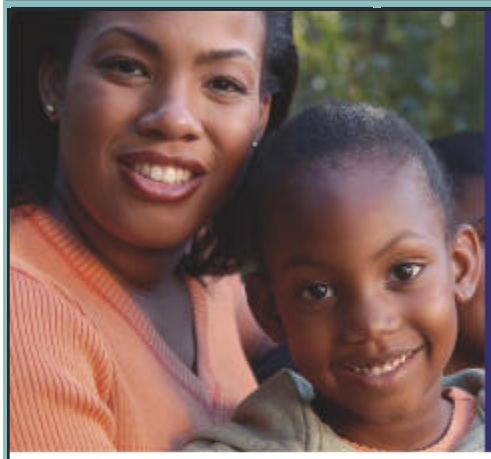

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