

# CHURCH OF SAINT MATTHEW

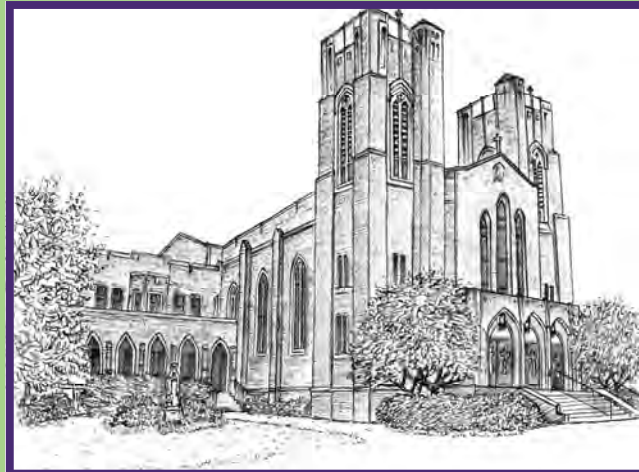
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The Next Holy Day of Obligation:  
**Tuesday, December 8, 2020**  
The Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

**Mission Statement:** The Parish Family of St. Matthew, East Stroudsburg, in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Scranton, endeavors to provide a welcoming environment to all. Guided by the Holy Spirit, through prayer and worship, and the sharing of our resources, we humbly strive to witness the Good News and to spread the Kingdom of God.

## Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday .....12:00 pm  
Monday through Friday (*Spanish*).....8:00 am  
Friday.....6:30 pm (*Spanish*)  
Saturday.....8:00 am & 4:00 pm  
Saturday (*Spanish*).....7:00 am  
Sunday.....8:00 am,  
9:15 am (*Spanish*), 10:45 am, 12:15 pm,  
2:00 pm (*Spanish*), 6:00 pm

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Suspended until further notice; however, the Church is open daily for private prayer from 6 am until 6 pm.

## Sacrament of Penance (Confession):

Confessions in Spanish on Fridays at 5:30 pm until 6:20 pm. In English, Saturday after the 8:00 am Mass until 9:00 am and Saturday afternoon from 3:00 pm until 3:45 pm or by appointment.

## Parish Office:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am-1:00pm  
(Closed Holidays) Closed 11:45 am-12:30 pm for Mass  
Phone: 570-421-2342

## Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples contemplating marriage should contact us at least 6 months before the date on which they wish to marry. This should be done before any other arrangements are made.

## Homebound/Hospitalized:

In need of Communion, Confession, or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office.

## In the Case of an Emergency:

Please call the Parish Office. If closed, listen to and follow the prompts to be connected to a priest. Emergencies are situations such as an anointing when in danger of death.

## Vocations :

Please contact Fr. Don Williams or Fr. Ryan Glenn if you are discerning a vocation to priesthood, religious life, or marriage. Fr. Ryan is Assistant Vocation Director for the Diocese of Scranton.

## What Age to Register as an Adult:

When one finishes formal education (High School or University), young adults need to register with the parish as adults.

**Welcome to St. Matthew's Parish:** Please see the next page for information about registering, baptizing your child, or obtaining a signed eligibility form to be a Godparent for Baptism or a Confirmation Sponsor.

**How do I join St. Matthew's Parish and be considered an active parishioner?**

Registering to be a parishioner at St. Matthew's Parish could not be easier. Simply visit or call the office to complete a parish registration form. Parishioners are considered to be active in our data base if they attend Mass regularly and support the parish to the best of their ability through the envelope or electronic giving system (the only way, albeit not the best, that we know people who register are active and still part of the community).

All are welcome to worship at St. Matthew's Parish. However, to fully participate in the life of the community one needs to be an active parishioner. Full participation would include scheduling a baptism, obtaining a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor eligibility letter, starting marriage preparation, and other similar services. Active parishioners, simply call the Parish Office for information.

**We invite you to regularly worship with us on Sunday and make St. Matthew's Parish your home.**

It can be intimidating to return to regular Sunday Mass if you have been away for a while. Our priests gladly welcome you home without any judgment. We would also be willing to meet with you to discuss anything that is holding you back from regularly joining with our community for Sunday Eucharist.

**Baptism Information Sessions**

Parents who are new to St. Matthew's Parish or who are not active parishioners (see above) and would like to have their child baptized are invited to attend an informational session. This session can be attended before the child is born so that you are ready for Baptism when the birth occurs.

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 570-421-2341 EXT. 100 TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT.**

**Eligibility Forms to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor**

New or inactive parishioners, please join us for Mass any Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. After Mass the priests have scheduled time to be available to discuss eligibility requirements to be a Godparent or Sponsor (available on our web site or by calling the office). Simply introduce yourself after Mass and tell the priest that you would like to understand the requirements to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor.

We will require a period of time that the prospective Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor regularly attends Mass at St. Matthew's Parish and expresses a desire to regularly attend Sunday Mass going forward before eligibility forms will be signed. Please meet with us several months before the Baptism or Confirmation to discuss eligibility requirements. All are welcome!

**LET US KEEP EACH OTHER IN PRAYER**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sirach 27: 30-28:7 Romans 14: 7-9  
Matthew 18: 21-35

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY-September 12**

4:00pm Vincent DeFranco from the Talago Family

**SUNDAY- September 13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am Frank Vaccaro from the Milonas Family  
9:15am Jean Lewis from Carol Metzgar & Family  
10:45am Our Parishioners  
12:15pm Intention of Mauricio "Mike" Palao from Joy Palao  
2:00pm Obdulia Rosales from her Family  
6:00pm All Souls in Purgatory

**MONDAY-September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

12:00pm Kathleen Shantillo from Elva Nunez & Family

**TUESDAY-September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows**

12:00pm Anne LaBar from Ray & Helene Molina

**WEDNESDAY-September 16 Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs**

12:00pm Joe & Anna Cappa from their Daughter, Nancy

**THURSDAY-September 17**

12:00pm Special Intention from Frank Leo

**FRIDAY- September 18**

12:00pm Antonio Gargarita from his Family  
6:30pm Anthony Paradiso from the Rauch Family

**SATURDAY- September 19**

8:00am The Stys & Reiersen Families from Patty Stys  
4:00pm Virginia Scheirer from Bob & Karen Volz

**SUNDAY- September 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am Our Parishioners  
9:15am Alberto Laverde from Liliana  
10:45am Lorenzo Lamattina from Lucille Carollo  
12:15pm John Mikula from Frank Leo  
2:00pm Miguel Veloz from Belkis Veloz  
6:00pm Leszek Sobieralski from the Niestepski Family

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER**

**INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Universal: Respect for the Planet's Resources**

That the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

**MEMORIALS**

*For flower bouquet or candle memorials contact the Parish Office at 421-2342 ext.100*



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is in loving memory of  
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421-2342 Ext. 100

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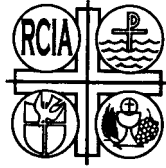
**FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HOPE, HEALING & HEALTH:**

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*To add to this list, please call the Parish Office during regular business hours: 570-421-2342 Ext. 100*

**RCIA**

**The Rite of Christian  
Initiation of Adults**



Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith? The parish of St Matthew will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches and be introduced to some of our parish members. These sessions also are opportunities for you, and others to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to people who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds. This first session is September 28, 2020 in the Parish Hall at St. Matthew's Church.

Please give us a call if you have questions or would like to set an interview time or would like further information email Deacon Kevin at [deaconscheirer@gmail.com](mailto:deaconscheirer@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office at 570-421-2342 Ext. 100.

**YOUTH IN ACTION**

**FAITH  
FORMATION  
Religious Education**



***CCD REGISTRATION 2020-2021***

- Saturday, September 19th after 4 pm Mass  
**In Main parking lot under the tent**
- Sunday, September 20th after 8 am,  
10:45 am, & 12:15 pm Mass  
**In Main parking lot under the tent**
- Tuesday, September 22nd 6-8 pm  
**In Parish Office...Spanish & English**
- Wednesday, September 23rd 8:30 am-12 pm  
**In Parish Office...Spanish & English**

***For Information on 1st Communion,  
Confirmation... & CCD***

**Friend us on Facebook & get all  
upcoming dates and CCD information  
for the 2020-2021 year**

**Search S-A-I-N-T Matthew's CCD  
Program, spell out the word saint.**

**CCD e-mail: [ccd1@ptd.net](mailto:ccd1@ptd.net)**



**ST. MATTHEW'S  
FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry will be open on Monday, September 14th from 9-10 am. Masks & distancing must be followed.

The Parish office is now open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays from 8:30 am until 11:45 am & 12:30 pm until 2:00 pm.

Someone who is fluent in Spanish will be in the office on Mondays & Wednesdays.

**ALL MASSES ARE NOW LIVE-STREAMED on YOUTUBE.**

Please go to YouTube and type in **Saint Matthew East Stroudsburg** in the search box at top of screen. When site comes up, click on **Subscribe**.



**OUTDOOR  
PENANCE SERVICE**

There will be an outdoor Penance Service following the 6 pm Mass on Sunday, September 13th. Please bring friends and family to experience God's grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**YOUTH GAME  
NIGHT**

Please join us for a Youth Game Night on Saturday, September 19th at 5 pm in the lower parking lot . All High School students are invited to join us for games, fellowship, and food.





**CENTERING PRAYER**



Centering Prayer will take place on **Thursday** from **6-7:30 pm in the Church** on the following dates: **September 17th, 24th**

For more information, Contact Jean Lynch at 570-656-1994

We are in need of **VOLUNTEERS** to clean the Church after the 8:00 am Mass & 4:00 pm Mass on Saturdays and the 6:00 pm Mass on Sunday.



If you can help at those times, please call the Parish Office at 570-421-

2342 Ext. 100.  
Thank You!!



Please join us for **MOVIE NIGHT** on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. **“Power in My Hands”** will be shown.

**MEMORIALS**



*If you would like to memorialize a bouquet of flowers or a candle for a loved one or for a special intention, please contact the Parish Office at 570-421-2342 ext. 100.*



**Available Dates: 2020**

- September 19-20 1 Bouquet
- September 26-27 1 Bouquet
- October 17-18 1 Bouquet
- October 31-November 1 1 Bouquet

**STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION...**

Collection from the weekend of August 30, 2020

	Amount	# Families	Avg. Amount
Envelops/Checks	\$ 6,424	138	\$ 46.55
Loose (Cash)	\$ 674		
Electronic Giving	\$ 3,213	157	\$ 20.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,311</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>\$ 32.67</b>
<i>Special Collection</i>	\$		

Thank you for your support of St. Matthew's Parish. We have 1314 registered families with 982 of those families considered active as they regularly contribute to our parish. We ask all parishioners to utilize envelopes or on-line giving for their weekly contributions so that we know who our current parishioners are.

**ONLINE GIVING...**

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The world as we knew it has changed dramatically. In these times we look toward our faith to begin to heal. As our spiritual home, our Church relies on time, talent, and treasure in order to prosper and fulfill our mission. **Online Giving** is an easy way to support our continued mission, both while we are away and as we slowly begin to gather again in worship. It is time to come together to keep our faith, so that we can offer hope and healing to those around us.

Online Giving allows you to make donations via your mobile phone, smart device or computer to your Church.

Go to **www.stmatthewspa.org** and click on the "Online Giving" icon on the homepage. For any questions, please call the parish office at 570-421-2341 ext. 107.

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