

CHURCH OF SAINT MATTHEW

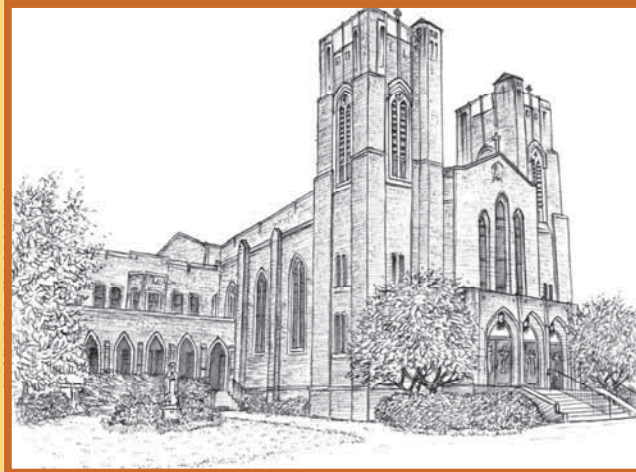
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The Next Holy Day of Obligation:
Tuesday, December 8, 2020
**The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

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-2:00pm
(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!



On Sunday, September 27th, the 6 pm Mass will be celebrated outdoors in the large parking lot. Please plan to join us for Mass and plan to stay for Adoration and Benediction following the Mass. Chairs will be provided, however, please feel free to bring your own.



****In case of rain, everything will be held in the Church.*

LET US KEEP EACH OTHER IN PRAYER

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55: 6-9 Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a
 Matthew 20: 1-16a

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY-September 19

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

**MONDAY-September 21 St. Matthew, Apostle;
 Evangelist**

12:00pm Peter Grillo from his Grandchildren

TUESDAY-September 22

12:00pm Protection of the Unborn from Abortion from the
 Ancient Order of Hibernians

**WEDNESDAY-September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
 Priest**

12:00pm Patricia Taylor from the Gleason Family

THURSDAY-September 24

12:00pm Danny Moore from the Moore Family

FRIDAY- September 25

12:00pm Wayne Whitehead from Bob & Karen Volz
 6:30pm James Hollenbach from Mr. & Mrs. Frederick
 Hahn

SATURDAY- September 26

8:00am Matthew Leman from Susan Rotondi
 4:00pm John McCormack from the Konz Family

SUNDAY- September 27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Intention & in Thanksgiving for Joy Palao
 9:15am Lurena Grochan from Ann Marie Onken
 10:45am Carmen Rodriguez from her Daughter, Miriam &
 Family
 12:15pm Our Parishioners
 2:00pm Amadeo Dominquez from Belkis Veloz
 6:00pm Rose Lazrovitch from the Pisacreta 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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 From her daughter, Patty



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421-2342 Ext. 100

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 Val Brennan, Heidi Schlefele, Grace Robinson,
 Joseph Gettings, Thomas Pengilly, James Gortych,
 Patrick Diggins, Nellie Grampp, Pat Zito, Pete Borowski
*To add to this list, please call the Parish Office during regular busi-
 ness hours: 570-421-2342 Ext. 100*



VIRTUAL PRIZE RAFFLE

St. Matthew's is holding a "Virtual Prize Raffle" on Sunday, October 11th at 3:30 pm in the lower parking lot. Prize information and tickets can be found in the bulletin, on our Facebook pages and Parish website. Tickets may be returned to the office or dropped in the offertory at Mass. There will be a "shop & drop" after Mass on October 10th and 11th if you would like to purchase tickets that weekend. The winner does not have to be present to win.

COMING SOON...

Christmas Cash 50/50



RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



If you have been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet some faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you. Our parish will soon begin a set of sessions to share with others the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. These sessions also are opportunities for you to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the 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 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

CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer will take place on **Thursday** from **6-7:30 pm in the Church**

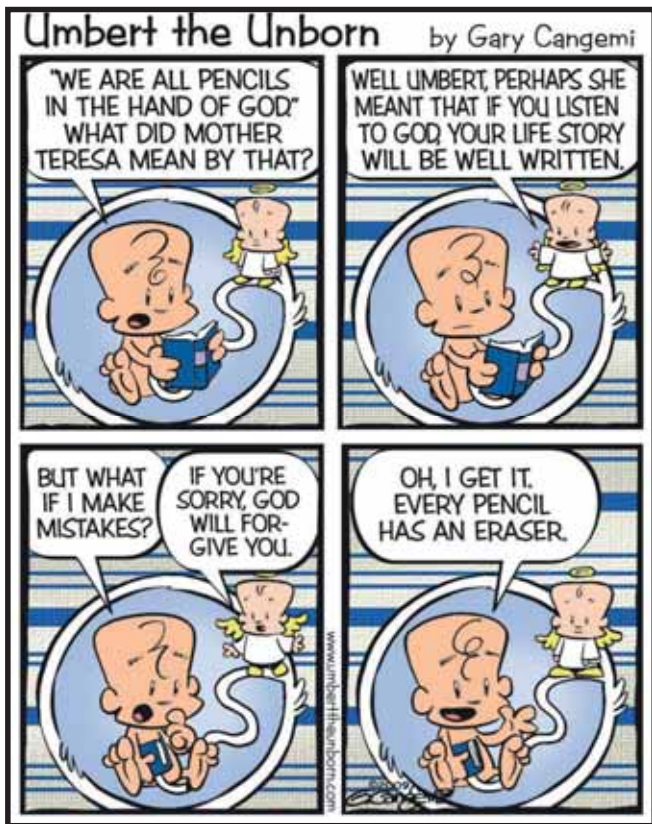


on the following date:
September **24th**. For more information, Contact Jean Lynch at 570-656-1994.


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.





St. Matthew's Pro-Life Committee Organizational Meeting
September 23, 2020
At 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall



Supported by our Pastor Father Don and aided by the Pennsylvanians for Human Life (PHL) Pocono Chapter, Pro-Life efforts at St. Matthew's are now being coordinated by a revitalized Pro-Life parish committee. An organizational meeting will be held September 23 in the Parish Hall at 6:30 to discuss goals and upcoming events.

A key focus of the group will be education and witness to win over hearts and minds to the Pro-Life cause, which is so central to our Catholic faith. Given that October is Respect Life Month we have much to do in finalizing plans for upcoming events.

Please RSVP your attendance by emailing PROLIFE18301@PTD.NET. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a maximum of twenty-five persons can be admitted to the meeting.


"All life has inestimable value - even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor; are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." (Pope Francis, July 28, 2013)

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION...
Collection from the weekend of September 6, 2020

	Amount	Families	# Avg. Amount
Envelops/Checks	\$ 6,778	130	\$ 52.14
Loose (Cash)	\$ 515		
Electronic Giving	\$ 3,527	162	\$ 21.77
Total	\$10,820	292	\$ 35.29
Special Collection	\$		

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.

SILVER CIRCLE



Silver Circle is a membership program that benefits retired IHM Sisters. For only \$25 per membership, your name is entered into more than 324 drawings from October through June with cash prizes from \$50 to \$1000! You will also be remembered in a monthly Mass for benefactors & in the prayers of the IHM Sisters. Please contact Sister Mary Alice Kane, IHM at 570-421-3651 or 570-421-1132 for a Silver Circle membership form. Thank you for your kind support of the IHM Sisters!

St. Matthew's VIRTUAL

RAFFLE

Sunday Oct 11th

**DRAWING @ 3:30pm
LOWER PARKING LOT**



EACH CHANCE IS \$1

**SHOP & DROP SATURDAY, OCT 10TH 2PM-6PM
AND SUNDAY, OCT 11TH 8:30AM-3:30PM
OR YOU MAY MAIL YOUR TICKET REQUEST AND
PAYMENT TO THE OFFICE OR DROP THEM IN
THE OFFERTORY BY SUNDAY OCT 4TH.**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH**

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN
PRIZES MAY BE PICKED UP SUNDAY 10/11 ~ 3:30PM & 6PM OR
ON MONDAY 10/12 ~ 10AM & 2PM IN THE PARISH HALL**

**THIS IS AN OUTDOOR EVENT.
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE.
WE WILL BE FOLLOWING CDC SOCIAL
DISTANCING GUIDELINES.**



ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

78 Ridgeway St - East Stroudsburg, Pa 18301

St. Matthew's Prize Raffle Ticket Request

Please fill out the following Ticket Request and return this sheet and your check to the office or drop it in the offertory at Mass by October 4th. Ticket stubs may be picked up on Saturday Oct 10th from 2:00pm-6:00pm or Sunday Oct 11th after 8:30am, but not necessary. We will drop your tickets in the appropriate prize.

EACH TICKET IS \$1 -PLEASE PUT THE NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUESTED NEXT TO THE PRIZE.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

PRIZE	# OF TKX	TOTAL
1 Chefman Air Fryer \$125	_____ X \$1.00	_____
2 Shark Duo Clean Vacuum \$200	_____ X \$1.00	_____
3 Ring Video Doorbell \$140	_____ X \$1.00	_____
4 Travelers Club Luggage Set \$100	_____ X \$1.00	_____
5 Barbie Playhouse \$130	_____ X \$1.00	_____
6 Cuisinart Single Serve Coffee Maker \$100	_____ X \$1.00	_____
7 Jackson King Electric Guitar \$250	_____ X \$1.00	_____
8 Boards & Baskets Gift Cert & Board \$100	_____ X \$1.00	_____
9 Breville Duo Espresso Machine \$400	_____ X \$1.00	_____
10 iRobot Roomba i6+ \$500	_____ X \$1.00	_____
11 Ridgid Wet Vac \$155	_____ X \$1.00	_____
12 Men's Wilson Profile Golf Clubs \$400	_____ X \$1.00	_____
13 Woman's Strata Golf Clubs \$250	_____ X \$1.00	_____
14 HP Envy 5055 Printer \$95	_____ X \$1.00	_____
15 Great Wolf Waterpark Day Pass (4) \$200	_____ X \$1.00	_____
16 Segway Drift W1 \$450	_____ X \$1.00	_____
17 Pendant Speakers \$375	_____ X \$1.00	_____
18 Twin Air Mattress & Bedding \$125	_____ X \$1.00	_____
19 iRobot Roomba 891 \$375	_____ X \$1.00	_____
20 Logitech Driving Force G920 Wheel \$300	_____ X \$1.00	_____
21 Nest Wireless Smoke & CO2 Detector \$120	_____ X \$1.00	_____
22 Rochester Glider Bronze \$325	_____ X \$1.00	_____
23 Dyson V10 Cordless Stick \$350	_____ X \$1.00	_____
24 Mystery Prize ?? 4 Prizes/4 Winners \$50+	_____ X \$1.00	_____
GRAND TOTALS	_____	_____

Prize values are an approximate value. All prizes are new but may not be in their original packaging. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. Prizes may be picked up Sunday 10/11 4pm-6pm or Monday 10/12 between 10am-2pm in the Parish Hall.

Please return your request and payment to: **St. Matthew's 78 Ridgeway St., East Stroudsburg, PA 18301**
 Make checks payable to: **St. Matthew's Church**

OFFICE INFO:
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