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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday ---------- 7:30 and 11:30 am

Saturday Morning ---------- 9:00 am

Saturday Mass of Anticipation ---------- 4:00 pm

Sunday Morning ------- 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon

Holy Days ---------- to be announced

EVOKE - ENCOURAGE
EMPOWER - EFFECT

Knights of Columbus Archbishop Walsh Council #3550

Meets at St. Matthew Columbian Hall every fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Pope John XXIII Assembly #668

Meets at St. Matthew Columbian Hall every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.

WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE...

Baptism: The third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm. Arrangements for Baptism are made by calling the rectory at 201-945-3500.

Eucharist/Confirmation: Preparation programs for these Sacraments are supplemental to the CCD or Interparochial School religious education programs. All eligible parish children participate in these programs regardless of their place in schooling.

Marriage: The Bishops of New Jersey have directed that all sacramental preparations for the Celebration of Marriage are to begin with a staff priest, one year prior to the date of marriage. Engaged couples themselves are expected to call the rectory to make the proper arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the rectory of a family member who is ill. Urgent calls will be attended any time day or night.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday from 1:00 to 1:30 pm. Confessions will be heard anytime upon request.

How to Report Abuse... Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

Rectory ---------- 201-945-3500

E-mail ---------- stmatthews@stmatthewridgefield.org

Website ---------- stmatthewridgefield.org

Knights of Columbus Website ---------- www.KOFC3550.org

Sunday, August 16, 2020
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 17
7:30 **Philip Pietro Sr.** req. Philip & Yolanda Pietro

Tuesday, August 18
7:30 **Antonio Morin** req. Busanich Family

Wednesday, August 19 St. John Eucles, Priest
7:30 **Jean & Ted Moskal** req. The Family

Thursday, August 20 St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
7:30 **Richard Shilinsky** req. Jane Forte & John Pascali

Friday, August 21 St, Pius X, Pope
7:30 **Georgina Mussara** req. Charles Mussara

Saturday, August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 **Recitation of the Holy Rosary**
9:00 **Francesco Ventre** req. Anthony Ventre & Family
4:00 **In Honor of Our Lady** req. Busanich Family

Sunday, August 23 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 **The People of the Parish**
10:00 **John Kerrison** req. The Kerrison Family
12:00 **Fioranvanti Valentino** req. Gaetano & Rosalba Guacci

PRAYER REQUESTS

A time to be healed…

Pauline Capone, Paula Kelber, Marci Kirkland, Mirta Kirkland, Antonio Manente, Carolyn Mangino, Vinny Musto, Judy Scott, Joe Talmo, Jassa Yost, Joseph Mauro

A time to serve…

All men and women in our military, here and abroad

Next weekend's Second Collection is for

Air-Conditioning and Landscaping

Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated

WE ARE ENTERING PHASE THREE AS OF THIS WEEKEND PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS OF HOSPITALITY AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ON HOW TO PROPERLY AND SAFELY CELEBRATE MASS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER EACH LITURGY. YOUR COOPERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

WE URGE ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF ST. MATTHEW PARISH TO CONTINUE TO SEND IN YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE RECTORY OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS FROM MONDAY TO THURSDAY EACH WEEK IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN REGULAR OPERATING EXPENSES

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE END OF THIS UNPRECEDENTED VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE RETURN OF NORMALCY IN OUR EVERY DAY LIVES WITH CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR!

Wednesday, August 19, 2020
Bible Study – 7:00 pm

Stewardship Of Treasure

"Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. In giving, your will receive the peace of Christ."

Offertory Collection – August 2, 2020

Budgeted Amount Needed Weekly 2019-2020	$4,706.00
Actual Collection, Monthly, Incl. Online Giving	4,266.91
Surplus/Deficit	(-439.09)
Year-to-Date Through August 2, 2020	$23,530.00
Actual	23,155.60
Surplus/Deficit	(-374.40)

Offertory Collection – August 9, 2020

Budgeted AmountNeeded Weekly 2019-2020	$4,706.00
Actual Collection, Monthly, Incl. Online Giving	3,320.77
Surplus/Deficit	(1,385.23)
Year-to-Date Through August 9,2020	$28,236.00
Actual	26,995.60
Surplus/Deficit	(1,240.40)

HOW MUCH IS 5%

Weekly Income	**$150**	**$200**	**$300**	**$400**	**$500**
Offering	**$7.50**	**$10**	**$15**	**$20**	**$25**

Parishioners are cordially urged to continue their weekly contributions to St. Matthew Parish by sending your donation to:

Saint Matthew Church
555 Prospect Avenue
Ridgefield, NJ 07657

Or to Parish Giving online in our website
We appreciate your continued generosity and support during this time of health crisis.

St. Matthew has set up a

Go-Fund-Me Page on FACEBOOK

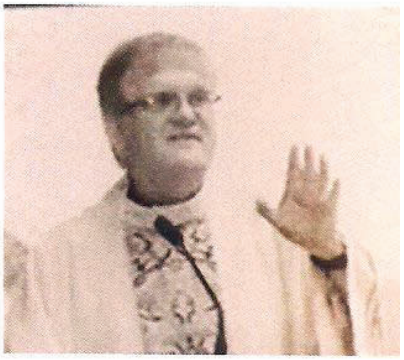
Look us up and continue to contribute to your parish at

St. Matthew Church Emergency Relief Fund

The officers and members of the
Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh Council #3550
Of Ridgefield and Palisades Park
Cordially extend an invitation to all Catholic Gentlemen
Who are 18 yrs of age and older to join the Knights of Columbus to help support our parish and our community. If you are interested in joining
contact Dennis De Santis at
201-310-8055

"It is a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful."
General Instruction of the Roman Missal, #73

Members of the assembly are invited and encouraged to participate in the offertory procession during Mass. This is a way for you to increase your participation in the liturgy, and is an especially nice gesture if a loved one is being remembered at a particular Mass or through a memorial donated for that week. If you would like to present the bread and wine, just let one of our ministers of hospitality (ushers) know before Mass begins.



The parish community of St. Matthew thank Fr. Bill for his years here at St. Matthew Church. We wish Fr. Bill much happiness in his new assignment as Parochial Vicar at St. John the Apostle in Linden, New Jersey, which becomes effective September 1, 2020.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions there will be no reception. I am sure during the weekends of August 23, and 30th we can exchange farewells with him.

The Lord bless you and keep you!

The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

Numbers 6:20-24

Bereavement Ministry Support Training Course

Do you feel called to serve the needs of the Bereaved? The Fall Bereavement Ministry Support Training program is now open for registration. The course is offered by the Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark. The eight 2.5-hour evening ONLINE sessions begin on September 15th, 2020. For class registration and fee information please contact Lauren Tamara at 973-497-4327 or email Lauren.Tamara@rcan.org. Pre-registration is required; class size is limited. Participants must meet the requirements of the Safe Environment Program.

KID'S KORNER

Cycle A

Gospel Today | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 15:21-28

A very persistent foreign woman begged Jesus to heal her daughter. She had great faith in Jesus. Jesus said "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted."

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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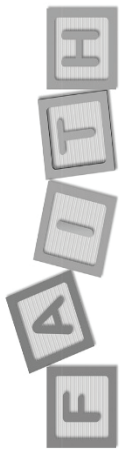

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Woman
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Help
Disciples
Request
Granted
Healed

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Jesus accepted the foreign woman and her faith. Today, Jesus expects us to welcome foreigners and their faith to our communities. Our churches are called **Faith Filled Communities**. On a separate sheet of paper draw a picture of what your church, or "faith filled community" looks like.

Don't forget to add some people!

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2020

"Thus says the Lord: Observe what is right, do what is just, for my salvation is about to come, my justice is about to be revealed. The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, ministering to him, loving the name of the Lord and becoming his servants - them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."

Rather than quickly pass over the passage of Isaiah, may we reread it, and see, this is what is happening in our church today.

The growth of the church in the United States has been built on two pillars – the Holy Spirit and immigration.

How many people, like immigrants of old, have come to our parishes, bringing their faith, customs and traditions. They come with faith and wish to live and share their experience with us. Do we welcome them? Do we go out to meet them?

Pope Francis tells us the church grows by attraction, not by proselytizing. As missionary disciples he calls us to evangelize, to welcome all as part of our faith communities. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the mother of Jesus. Saint John Paul II was a Polish pope. Saint Oscar Romero was martyred in our time for the same faith. How blessed we are to be living and learning today.

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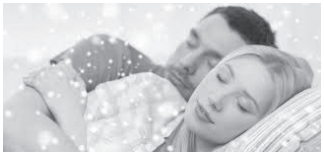

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