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<u>Mission Statement</u>: 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:

All daily & weekend Masses are Live-Streamed. Go to our website *www.stmatthewspa.org* & click on the YouTube icon.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday through Friday from 12:30 pm until 6 pm. 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 11:45 am-12:30 pm for Mass. Closed Thursdays 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:

If you or a family member is homebound or hospitalized & would like a pastoral visit (Communion, Confession, or Anointing of the Sick), please call the Parish Office @ 570-421-2342.

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. Brian Clarke if you would like to discern a vocation to priesthood, religious life, or marriage. Fr. Ryan Glenn 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 call the Parish Office for information about registering, baptizing your child, or obtaining a signed eligibility form to be a Godparent for Baptism or a Confirmation Sponsor.

LET US KEEP EACH OTHER IN PRAYER

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-18 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY-October 25

4:00pm Intention of Joe & Teresa Hagan on their 50th Wedding Anniversary from Vi

SUNDAY- October 26 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Alvaro Valderrama from Bob & Vicki Armstrong

9:15am Jose Ledesma from Indiana Ledesma

10:45am Our Parishioners

12:15pm Carlos Pamplona from Ann Mullen & Linda Ross

2:00pm Cumpleaños de Juan Zaruma Esposa e hijas

6:00pm Hsiueh Lin from Shen Lin Ming-Chih

MONDAY-October 27

8:00am (Spanish) Mercedes Padilla from Mercedes Paguay 12:00pm Danny Gaa from Michael & Mary Doherty

TUESDAY-October 28 St. Simon & St, Jude, Apostles

8:00am (Spanish) Bernardine Winiecki

12:00pm Gabriel Kolcun from Joe & Jeanne Kolcun

WEDNESDAY-October 29

8:00am (Spanish) Dr. Frank K. Boris, III

12:00pm William F. Maughan from Bill & Jane Maughan

THURSDAY-October 30

8:00am (Spanish) Nestor Dario Aybar Carrera from Su hija Sahira Aybar

12:00pm James Vecchione

FRIDAY-October 31

8:00am (Spanish) Parishioners

12:00pm Mauricio (Mike) Palao from Joy Palao

6:30pm Miguel Liriano from Lizbeth

SATURDAY- November 1 All Saints

7:00am (Spanish) Carolyn Chamberlain

8:00am Herm Eitzenberger from Harriet

4:00pm Ann Schroth from Pat & Mike Murray

SUNDAY- November 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day) National Vocations Awareness Week

8:00am Deceased Members of the Burkowixz from their

family

9:15am Happy Birthday Washington Cueva from his family

10:45am All Souls

12:15pm Magda & Angel Ruiz from their daughter & grandchildren

2:00pm Our Parishioners

6:00pm Carol Toomy from the Pheasant Family

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FOR THE MILITARY

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

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Please Note...since All Saints Day falls on a Saturday this year, it is **NOT** a Holy Day of obligation. Masses on Saturday will be the regular times. There will be no extra Masses.

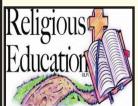


MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

St. Matthew's Parish will be having a special

Mass of Remembrance on Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 pm

for those who have died this past year. If you would like your loved one remembered during this Mass, please call the Parish Office at 570-421-2342 Ext. 100 by Tuesday, November 11th.



FAITH FORMATION Religious Education

Search

S-A-I-N-T Matthew's CCD Program, (spell out the word saint). CCD email: ccd1@ptd.net.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE **WORD:**

October 26th November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd



COMMUNITY MEAL VOLUNTEER MEETING

On Wednesday, October 29th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall there will be a meeting of the Community Meal volunteers. Anyone interested in helping with the meals, please attend this meeting.

On Sunday, November 2nd, Daylight Savings Time ends. Set you clocks back 1 hour.



Men's Ministry



The next Men's Ministry session will be held Tuesday, November 11 from 6:30-7:30pm in the Family Room located next to the Knight's Room. (Enter by the Brodhead St stairs next to the sacristy stairs.) In his homilies Pope Francis has described the Church today as a field hospital after battle-a constant source of mercy and healing to endure the wounds that our world inflicts on us so we can get back to the bat-

tle of Christ's mission. We invite all men of the parish to join us for the series "Into the Breach". The series includes brief video study, discussion and prayer focusing on how Catholic men can prepare for the battle and struggles we face as we try to lead Christian lives. Consider giving an hour to enjoy the support of other men who daily go into the breach to do the work of Christ's soldiers in the world today. The sessions are relaxed and comfortable so please join us!

Knights of Columbus

The Knights will not meet on Saturday, October 25th. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 11 at 7:30pm in the Knights Room (enter by the Brodhead St entrance stairs). In addition to our regular meeting, join us for some fellowship as we enjoy NOVEMBER NACHOS! All men over 18 are welcome to join us! We will welcome 4 new members at this meeting. Please consider being our next new member! Why join? The Knights live out the themes of family, service, community and faith and give the men of the parish an environment to share their faith, pray and build brotherhood together. If you have a question contact Mike Catrillo at 570-807-2994 or <u>catrillom@yahoo.com</u>.



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- Campus Ministry Subsidy
- Hispanic Ministry Subsidy
- Religious Education Grant
- Hispanic Grant
- Homeless Grant
- Seminarian's Support
- Pro-Life Grant
- Notre Dame Support
- Vocation Center for Aspiring Candidates for the Priesthood
- Permanent Diaconate Candidate Support

Gifts can be given in various ways:

- One Time Gift
- Sustaining (recurring, monthly) gift
- Pledge-indicated by the donor
- **Prayer Requests**



50+ CLUB BINGO

Please join us for Bingo on Wednesday, October 29th from 12:30 to 3 pm in the Parish Hall. Pizza is available for \$2.00.

Desserts & beverages are provided.



St. Matthew's Food Pantry is open to all parishioners in need. . You are asked to make FEED THE an appointment to come in. Please call Joan HUNGRY at 570-421-2342 Ext 107 & leave your name

& telephone number.

Needed by ESU: Pasta & pasta sauce; Laundry detergent & dish soap; Shampoo & body wash; Paper towels & toilet paper; Cake & brownie mixes; Toothpaste & deodorant.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION...

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Total	\$ 15,062	358	\$ 32.95
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Lay Carmelite Religious Goods and Bake Sale at St. Matthew's Nov. 8-9 Weekend!

Mark your calendars for the Religious Goods and Bake Sale after all Masses* the weekend of November 8-9 in the St. Matthew's Center, sponsored by our Lay Carmelite Community dedicated to Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Bibles, rosaries, religious jewelry (medals, crosses), scapulars, First Communion gift sets, prayer books and more! **Perfect for Christmas, First Communion and Confirmation gifts.** Plus

home-made cakes, cookies, pies and other baked goods. As an added attraction, we will again be offering boxes of Krispy Kreme donuts for sale! All proceeds go to St. Matthew's parish and to our Lay Carmelite community.

* excludes Sunday 6:00 pm Mass.



50+ CLUB BUS TRIP

St. Matthew's 50+ Club is sponsoring a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in Hampton, NJ to see their Christmas Show on **Thursday, December 11th**. The cost is \$120 which includes transportation, lunch, and show. For more information and to reserve your seat, please contact Judy at 570-872-6623.



This Week on Formed

Week of October 26, 2025



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All Saints Day

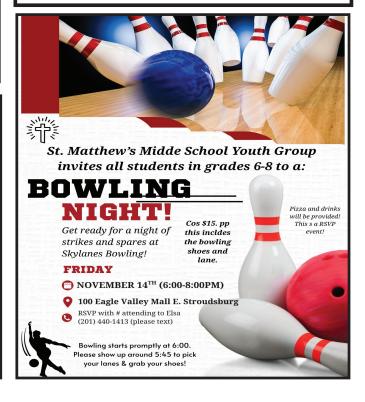
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On Saturday, October 18th, St. Matthew's Youth Group and parents enjoyed 4 pm Mass, Pizza in St. Matthew's Center, followed by Football at ESU.



























Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching*

The central and enduring themes of Catholic social teaching are organized under four principles that provide a moral framework for decisions in public life.

The Dignity of the Human Person



Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable. In our society, the gravest example is abortion. Euthanasia, assisted suicide, human cloning, in vitro fertilization and the destruction of embryos for research are others. Protecting the dignity of life

also includes overcoming poverty, ending use of the death penalty, and opposing racism, torture, unjust war, human trafficking and all activities that contribute to the "throwaway culture" identified by Pope Francis.

The Common Good



The common good is achieved when social conditions allow people to reach their fulfillment more fully and easily. It upholds the fundamental right to life, which makes all other rights possible. It asserts the right to food, shelter, education, employment, health care, housing, freedom of religion and conscience, and family life. It requires an economy that serves people.

not the other way around. It calls on employers to uphold the dignity and rights of workers by offering productive work, decent and just wages, adequate security in their old age, the choice of whether to organize and join unions, and the opportunity for legal status for immigrant workers. Workers should contribute a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, treat employers and co-workers with respect, and contribute to the common good. This principle requires we protect and care for all of God's creation, especially the most vulnerable among us, and the earth, our common home.

Subsidiarity



The human person is social. The family is the fundamental building block of society, based on marriage between a man and a woman, a sanctuary for creation and nurturing of children. Policies and programs should defend, strengthen and respect this foundational unit and uphold parents' rights and responsibilities to care for and educate their children.

Further, every person and association has a right and duty to actively shape society and promote the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Subsidiarity means that society's larger institutions should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local ones. These larger institutions are obliged, however, to protect human dignity and meet human needs when smaller institutions cannot adequately do so.

Solidarity



We are one human family, despite our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences, called to love our neighbor as ourselves. We must work to eradicate poverty, disease and racism, and welcome immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers who are seeking employment, safety, education and a better life for their families. Solidarity requires preferential

concern for the poor. A basic moral test of any society is how it treats those who are most vulnerable. This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized—unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, victims of injustice and oppression, and immigrants.

"Adapted from Forming Consciences for Pathful Citizenship, Nov. 44-36, U.S. Conference of Catholic Biologic, 2013.

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More information is on the table in the back of the Church

PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our state and country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your

Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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