

CHURCH OF SAINT MATTHEW

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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 Friday12:00 pm

Monday through Friday (*Spanish*).....8:00 am

Friday.....6:30 pm (*Spanish*)

Saturday7:00 am (*Spanish*)

Saturday.....8:00 am & 4:00 pm Vigil

Sunday.....8:00 am, 9:15 am (*Spanish*),

10:45 am, 12:15 pm, 2:00 pm (*Spanish*), 6:00 pm

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.

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 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 3:7-12 Romans 8: 28-30 Matthew 13: 44-52

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY– July 25

4:00pm Frank & Virginia Kane from Sr. Mary Alice Kane and Family

SUNDAY– July 26 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

8:00am Intention for the conversion of Bryson Bort & the Intention of Gloria Gomez on her birthday from Nathali Cano

9:15am (Spanish) Todos los Difontos

10:45am Elizabeth Hunter from John & Ann Malosh

12:15pm Richard Rossiello from Jim & Judy Alfieri

2:00pm Intention of Deacon Oscar Langlois on the occasion of his 90th birthday

6:00pm Our Parishioners

MONDAY– July 27

8:00am (Spanish) Mike Galarza from his family

12:00pm Janice McGrath

TUESDAY– July 28

8:00am (Spanish) Intention of Ivana Daher from her family

12:00pm David W. Ahnert from James T. Ault

WEDNESDAY– July 29 Sts. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus

8:00am (Spanish) Por las almas del Purgatorio de Familia Pomaquiza Morocho

12:00pm Karen Volz from Jim & Judy Alfieri

THURSDAY– July 30

8:00am (Spanish) Loretta Kania

12:00pm Intention of Robert Joseph M. Palao from Diana Hong

FRIDAY– July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:00am (Spanish) Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary

12:00pm Nicholas Cerra, Jr. from Joan & Allan Hild

6:30pm (Spanish) Intention of Chudi Ogbula from family

SATURDAY– August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop; Doctor

7:00am (Spanish) Margaret Koshinski

8:00am Michael A. Fish from Glenn & Barbara Miller

4:00pm Rita Kane Stuewe from Marge Cantalupo

SUNDAY– August 2 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Our Parishioners

9:15am (Spanish) Celia Molina from Sons & Daughters of the Ortiz Family

10:45am Fidelia Rincon from her daughter, Yajaira

12:15pm Don LaVende from his family

2:00pm Casilda Fabian from Mireya Benitez

6:00pm Antonina & Karol Sutkowski from their 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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Kevin J. Gonzalez	All Military Personnel

ST. MATTHEW'S
festival

**ENTERTAINMENT
LINE-UP**

FRIDAY NIGHT
Raices de mi Tierra Dance @ 5pm
South Penn Dixie @ 7pm

SATURDAY NIGHT
Joey & The T-Birds @ 5pm
Tempo Allegre @ 8pm

SUNDAY AFTERNOON
Kevin MacIntire as ELVIS @ Noon
Video Daze Band @ 2pm

AUG 7-9, 2026

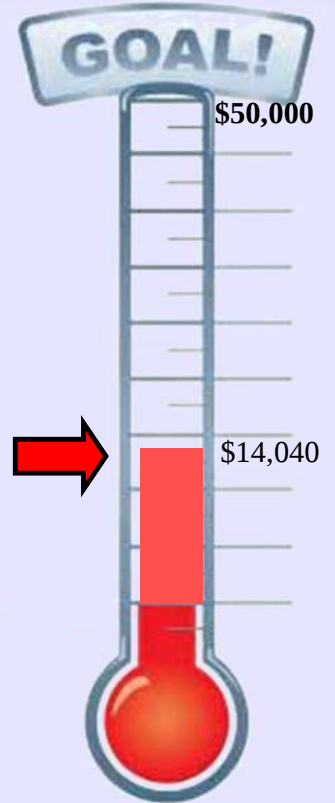
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Help us reach our goal this year of \$50,000!

The winner will take home half of whatever is raised.

If you haven't sent in your tickets yet, please do so...you can't win if you don't play!

Last year's total was \$42,980-lets see if we can beat that!



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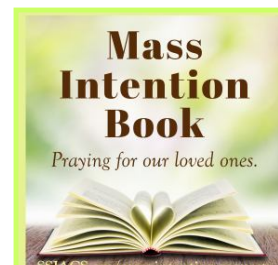
**Raffle Pre-Sale
Aug 1st and 2nd
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MASS INTENTION BOOK 2027

The Mass Intention Book for 2027 will be open July 20th. Please keep in mind one Mass a month for the same person or intention. Once a week for different people or intentions from the same person or family requesting.

THE 2026-2027 CALENDAR USE OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, PARISH HALL, ST. MATTHEW'S CENTER, CLASSROOMS

2027 JANUARY						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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It is that time again to reserve the parish facility for your organization, group, or ministry from September, 2026 through August of 2027, please drop off or email the **group name, contact person's name, telephone #, email, plus a list of dates needed** (do not just write every month at such & such a time), **times needed, & facility preference: Church, Parish Hall, St. Matthew's Center, or Classroom.** Any questions, please contact Ann Marie at the Parish Office: 570-421-2342 ext. 100 during regular office hours.

Hallow, the #1 Prayer App!

St. Matthew's is thrilled to announce our partnership with Hallow, the #1 prayer app!

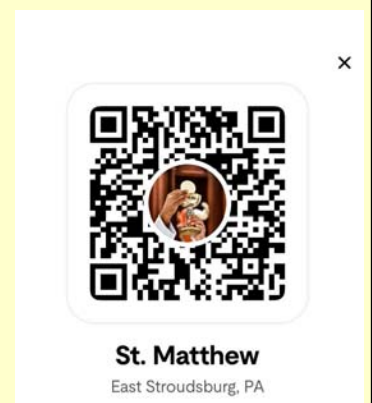
Through **prayer** and **meditation** rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow **closer to God** and **find peace**, everyday. *[Users can pray alongside Fr. Mike, Sr. Miriam, Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, + many more. The app also offers mental health and sleep content, audiobooks, and sacred music.]*

All parishioners are invited to be a part of our St. Matthew's parish page. There, you're able to create a profile, share prayer requests with our St. Matthew's community, and take part in prayer challenges together.

- **Already on Hallow?** Visit the **Church tab** in the app to create your profile and find our parish (search by parish zip code: **18301**).
- **Not yet on Hallow?** Visit hallow.com/parish, (or scan the QR Code below) search by parish zip code, and follow the prompts. There is no payment necessary. If you'd like to remain on the **free** version, simply hit "**Skip**" and you'll have access to our parish page.
- **We are available after masses this weekend if you need help downloading the app.**

Questions about app access? Contact familyministry@stmatthewspa.org

We look forward to praying with you!



Lectio Divina

Feel free to join us on **Thursdays at 6:00pm** in the **Parish Center** for **Lectio Divina**. We read, reflect on and meditate on the **upcoming Sunday's Gospel readings**. **Come and be in the presence of God.** **Contact Jean Lynch at 570-656-1994**



ST. MATTHEW'S FOOD PANTRY



Is open to all parishioners in need. You are asked to make an appointment to come in. Please call Joan at 570-421-2342 Ext 107 & leave your name & telephone number.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Attention Yankee Fans!



The Knights will be sponsoring a trip to Yankee Stadium on Sunday, August 23rd when the Yankees will play the Toronto Blue Jays. Cost for the trip is \$120.00 which includes transportation and ticket in section 232. The bus will leave the parish parking lot at 9:30am.

To avoid high price stadium food, a reminder that you can bring food into the stadium. Please check the Yankee website for guidelines. Please join us for this amazing day at the Yankee game.

Limited seating so please call Jim Alfieri for ticket reservations at 570-977-1212.





A DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

'I will never forget you' (Is 49:15) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the *Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* which

aims to emphasize how God's love for each person never fails, even in the fragility of old age.

Taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah, the chosen verse is intended to be a message of consolation and hope for all grandparents and the elderly, especially those who live in solitude or feel forgotten. At the same time, it is a call to families and ecclesial communities not to forget them, recognizing them as a precious presence and a blessing.

This Week on Formed

Week of July 26, 2026



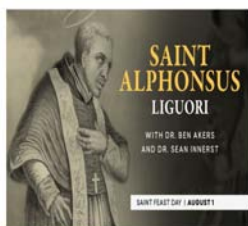
The Violinist: Stories of Solanus Casey

The Violinist is a must-watch documentary that chronicles the inspiring life of a humble Capuchin friar known for his deep faith, simplicity, and profound impact on those he served. Featuring personal stories from the people who knew Bl. Solanus, the film showcases his remarkable ability to inspire others, sharing heartwarming anecdotes about his modest lifestyle and passion for playing the violin.



Ignatius of Loyola

This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called 'The Saint of Second Chances,' St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.



St. Alphonsus Liguori | Catholic Saints

Born to a noble Italian family and known as the 'Prince of Moral Theologians', St. Alphonsus Liguori was a great preacher, lawyer, bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. In this episode of Catholic Saints, Augustine Institute professors Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today.

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26th Annual Golf Tournament

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

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Putting Contest at 11:30 A.M.

Shotgun Start at Noon

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Contests

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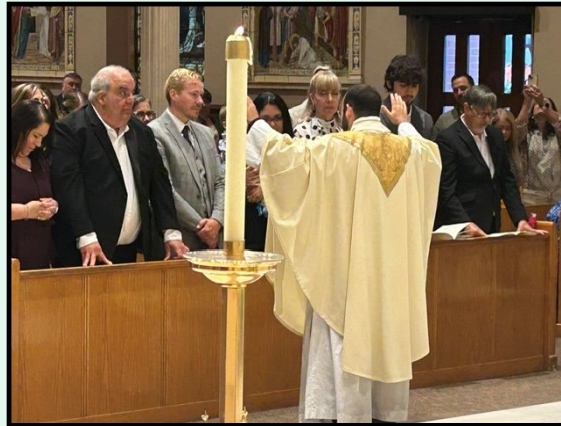
Thank you to all who contributed to the weekend of July 12, 2026.

	Amount	# Families	Avg. Amt.
Envelopes / Checks	\$ 8,611	213	\$40.43
Loose (Cash)	\$ 3,279		
Electronic Giving	\$ 4,595	159	\$ 28.90
Total	\$ 16,485	372	35.50
Care & Education of Priests:	\$		

Online Giving Cards are available on the table in the back of the Church each Sunday. PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE SIGNING UP



The Blessing of Rev. Jan Carlo Perez's Parents at his Ordination
& the Reception following the Prayer Vigil & Mass here at his
Home Parish of St. Matthew





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World Youth Day



The Diocese of Scranton is partnering up with Verso Ministries to plan a trip to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea, August 1-10 2027. If you are interested and for more information please contact from our church: Campus and Youth Director Ramona Marte (570)977-6376 or our Diocese: Trip coordinator Bridgit Mallie at 570-207-2213 ext. 1133.



...campusministry@stmatthewspa.org

FIRE-PIT FRIDAYS for college age students 18 yrs. and up... come and join us for snacks and fellowship from 7 pm until 9:30 pm on July 31st in the parking lot by Brodhead Ave. & Elk St.



XLT will take place on **July 26th at 7pm after the 6pm mass.** Please kindly join us for an hour with Our Lord, accompanied by contemporary music and a testimony from one of our local youth.

ST. MATTHEW'S
YOUTH GROUP

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SUMMER

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AUGUST 12

MOVIE NIGHT

Bring your friends and
join us in the Parish Hall
7-9pm

AUGUST 21

**END OF SUMMER
PRAYER NIGHT**

Join us for Prayer,
Music, & Worship

AUGUST 26

**LAST SMORE'S
NIGHT 7PM**

FOLLOW US ON IG & GROUP
ME FOR MORE DETAILS

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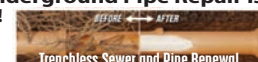
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