

CHURCH OF SAINT MATTHEW

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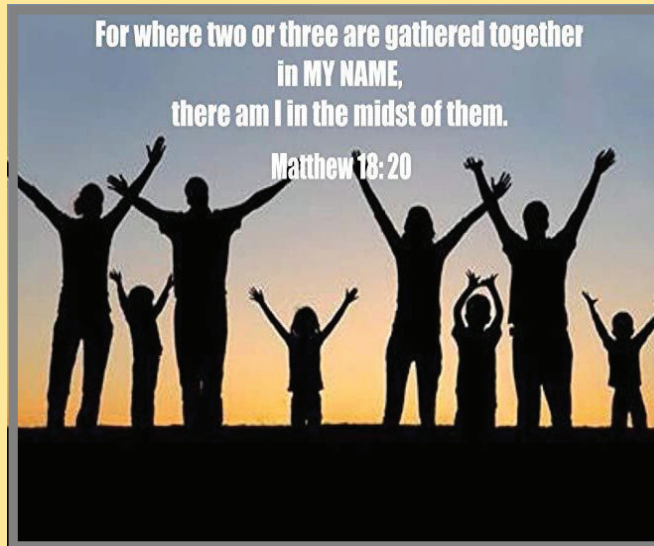
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Mission Statement: The Parish Family of St. Matthew, East Stroudsburg, in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Scranton, endeavors to provide a welcoming environment to all. Guided by the Holy Spirit, through prayer and worship, 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

PLEASE NOTE: On Monday, September 7th-Labor Day-Daily Masses will be 8 am Spanish & 9:00 am English. **There will be NO 12 Noon Mass**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY– September 5

4:00pm Karen Volz from Ann & John Malosh

SUNDAY– September 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am William, Jr & Bill, III Novick from Novick Family

9:15am (Spanish) Todas las almas del Purgatorio de Raul

Muyulema

10:45am Linda Coburn from Stephen Coburn & Mary Whelan

12:15pm Cesar Juezan, Sr. from the Dizon Family

2:00pm Matias Mayancela su hija

6:00pm Our Parishioners

MONDAY– September 7 Labor Day

8:00am (Spanish) Cumpleaños de falleamiento de Luis Rivera
From So hija

9:00am George Conover & Frank Mikucki from their family

TUESDAY– September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am (Spanish) Fr. Harold Durkin from the Altar & Rosary

12:00pm Joseph R. Agoglia from Robin Anne Casalta Agoglia

WEDNESDAY– September 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:00am (Spanish) Intention por la salud de Dante Hingasa de Amigo

12:00pm Richard Stevens from his family

THURSDAY- September 10

8:00am (Spanish) Mike Galarza de familia

12:00pm Jorge Gargarita from his family

FRIDAY– September 11

8:00am (Spanish) Fr. Francis Craft from the Altar & Rosary

12:00pm Arturo Mallari from Joy Palao

6:30pm (Spanish) Intention of Josephine Khamete from her family

SATURDAY– September 12

7:00am (Spanish) Mary Lou Radnovich`

8:00am Angelo & Josephine Vacco from Glenn & Barbara Miller

4:00pm David W. Ahnert from James T. Ault

SUNDAY– September 13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Thomas Clark, Sr. from Diana & Miro Niestepski

9:15am (Sp.) Acción de gracias al Señor por al vido de Edwin Pomaquiza su mama Maria Castro

10:45am Fidelia Rincon from her daughter Yajaira

12:15pm Richard Rossiello from Lynn & Ben Bustos

2:00pm Our Parishioners

6:00pm Antonina & Karol Sutkowski from their family

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13: 8-10
Matthew 18: 15-20

MEMORIALS



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

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Catholic Ministries Appeal

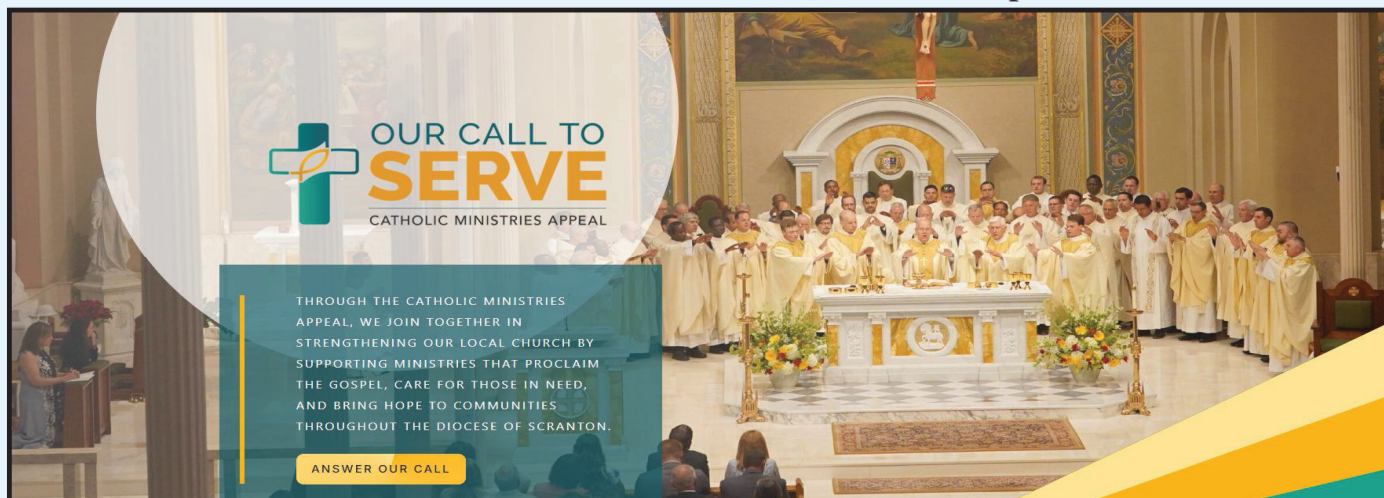
Our Call to Serve

St. Matthew's Goal

\$89,634



Celebration Weekend with Video & In-Pew Commitment: September 19th & 20th



St. Matthew's Parish has benefited in the following ways:

- ◆ *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*

The Appeal's Beneficiaries are grouped into six key areas:



Vocations and Seminarian Support
& Retired Clergy Support



Catholic Media
& Communications



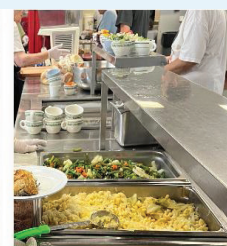
Parish Life



Parish Grant Support



Catholic Schools



Catholic Social Services

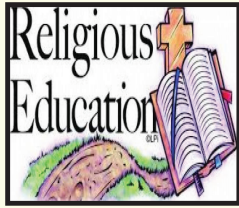
Gifts can be given in various ways:

- * One Time Gift
- * Sustaining (recurring, monthly) gift

* Pledge-indicated by the donor

* Prayer Requests

Go online annual.appeal@dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-2250



FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education

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

CCD email: ccd1@ptd.net.

CCD (English) BEGINS ON SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20th

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Begins September 20th
and continues September 27th,
October 4th, 18th, 25th



St Matthews **Knights Parish** **Breakfast**



Please join the Knights for a family breakfast on Sunday, September 13 after the 8am, 9:15am and 10:45am masses. The menu includes Pancakes, syrup and a fruit berry compote. Also breakfast sausage and 3 types of egg casserole veggies/ham and cheese, veggies and cheese and plain cheese. Coffee, tea and juice will also be available.

Breakfast is \$7.00 a person. Families with 4 people or over are \$25.00. All payable at the door. Please plan to join us for fellowship, some laughs and great food by Chef Brian!

An Emmaus Experience **A Retreat for Women** **Date: September 11-13, 2026**



The Church of St. Matthew is offering the Emmaus Retreat for women of the parish. This retreat is based on the Scripture found in the Gospel of Luke 24: 13-35

The main theme of the retreat is to discover or rediscover Jesus in our lives, and the importance of women ministering to women.

The retreat is held at **Transfiguration Retreat Center**, 1000 Seminary Road, Dalton, PA 18414
www.btrcrettreat.com.

Transportation is provided. Cost is \$150 (includes room, board and program).

For more information or to register, email our facilitators:

Geralyn Durham: davger90@gmail.com
or call Frances Warnagiris : 570-656-6868

ADORATION

Do you need a moment of peace?
 The real presence of Christ through Eucharistic Adoration is a healing and restoring power that should not be taken for granted.



"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then.

When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now," quote by St. Teresa of Calcutta.

What to expect during a Holy Hour

Silent prayer: Spend time in quiet, personal Conversation with God.

Reflection: Spend time reading and reflecting on the Bible or other spiritual writings.

Quiet contemplation: You can always simply sit quietly in the presence of Christ.

What to do

Come prepared: Bring your Rosary, prayer cards or simply your heart ready to pray.

Be present: Be open to what God may want to show you during your time of prayer.

Respect the silence: Adoration is a time for quiet, personal prayer, so be mindful of the sacred atmosphere

Questions? Please contact: ministry@ptd.net.



The next Knights Meeting will be Tuesday, September 15. We will have our Men's Ministry Prayer Group at 6:30pm and the General Meeting at 7:30pm in the Knight's Room. Enter by the Brodhead Street stairs.

All men of the parish are welcome to both meetings!

Our Men's Prayer Group at 6:30pm is a great way to relax and get in touch with your prayer life. It is informal and offers a great sense of spiritual support.

This Week on Formed

Week of September 06, 2026



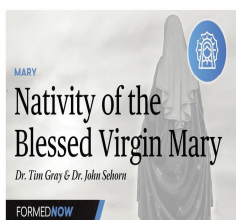
What Catholics Believe About Mary: Immaculate Conception, Virginity

Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about Mary. Who is Mary? Why do Catholics pray to Mary? How could she be a virgin if Jesus had brothers and sisters according to the Bible? Find out answers to these and more questions in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



Mary of Nazareth

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In this episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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ST. MATTHEW'S festival

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER THANK YOU POT LUCK DINNER

All festival volunteers are invited to join us on
Monday Sept 14th at 7pm
in our Parish Hall
for a Pot Luck Dinner & discussion
about Festival 2026 & thoughts for
Festival 2027.

Please bring a dish to share!

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STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION...

Thank you to all who contributed to the weekend of August 23, 2026.

	Amount	# Families	Avg. Amt.
Envelopes/ Checks	\$ 7,215	211	\$ 34.19
Loose (Cash)	\$ 2,334		
Electronic Giving	\$ 4,216	160	\$ 26.35
Total	\$ 13,765	371	\$ 30.81
Care & Education Of Clergy:	\$		
Online Giving Cards are available on the table in the back of the Church each Sunday. PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE SIGNING UP  I give electronically. For more information, please go to www.stmatthewpa.org			

SEPTEMBER 2027

ST MATTHEW

HS YOUTH GROUP

SATURDAY
19

Hispanic Heritage Mass & Celebration
Mass 12pm Dance performance
soccer tournamnet

SUNDAY
27

XLT (EXALT) Adoration, Testimonial guest speaker
accompanied by contemporary music

ONGOING

WEDNESDAYS
6PM

Youth Holy Hour
Come for a quarter hour, half, or the whole
session of prayer time with the Lord.

WEDNESDAYS
7-9 PM

Bible Study is back as of 9/16/26.
St Matthew's Center
All HS students 9-12 grade

PRACTICE 4TH
SUNDAY
5-6PM

CYM Contemporary Youth Music
Looking for singers or instrumental players
contact Ms. Jenn Huntsberger

THURSDAYS
5:30-7PM

Folkoric dance group Raices de mi tierra
contact Ms. Maria Vargas 347-933-3230

COMING UP

Soccer Team for HS girls & boys
contact Miss Karla 570-350-0414

FOR MORE INFO: CONTACT MS RAMONA
570-977-6376 CAMPUSMINISTRY@STMATTHEWSPA.ORG

St. Matthew The Domestic Church

**BACK TO
SCHOOL**

The return to school offers the opportunity to establish and strengthen your "Domestic Church"—the smallest, most foundational cell of the universal Church.

As chaotic academic schedules resume, shifting your mindset from viewing the home as just a busy household to an active place of worship transforms everyday routines into moments of grace.

Morning and Commute Rituals

Start the academic day by grounding your children in faith before they enter the classroom

Breakfast Blessing:

Add a specific prayer for wisdom, focus, and kindness to your morning meal routine.

Backpack Blessings:

Commemorate the first week of school by praying over their school bags, reminding them that their education is a tool to serve God

Dashboard Devotionals:

Use the car ride to school for a quick, collective morning offering or a decade of the Rosary.

After-School Transitions

The late afternoon shift from school back to the home offers high-utility windows for emotional and spiritual connection.

Intentional Conversations:

Move past generic "how was your day" questions to ask where they saw God working or where they struggled to show kindness.

Practice-Time Holy Hours:

If your children have evening sports or music practices, use that window to visit St. Matthew's (open 6am-6pm) for personal prayer rather than scrolling on the phone.

Wind down:

Establish time to pause and wind down using Hallow for Family Prayer or Formed to watch Family Shows/Movies, both subscriptions provided free by St. Matthews.

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