

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, February 20

8:00AM Marquerite Schaffer

TUESDAY, February 21

8:00AM Lillian A. Mahan

WEDNESDAY, February 22

8:00AM Carmine Pescatore

THURSDAY, February 23

8:00AM Kady Zumwalt (Intention)

SATURDAY February 24

5:00PM Ed Carbin

SUNDAY, February 25

8:00AM Marek Lacki

10:00AM Joseph James

12:00PM Terry Polito

5:00PM JoAnne Malack

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18(Ash Wednesday)

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

PASTORAL CARE

Kindly remember in your prayers the sick of our parish. May they experience the healing power of our gracious God: Emma Carothers, Ruth Dorney, Bridget Hochstuhl and Matthew Munch.

THE EUCHARIST AT HOME

Holy Communion may be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound. For the confined, the elderly and/or shut-in, be they at home or in the hospital, the staff of our parish makes calls to the homes and hospitals each month. Please inform the office, 973-584-1101, to have your name added to the list.

GLUTEN FREE EUCHARIST

As a reminder, for those parishioners or visitors who have Celiac Disease or have an allergy to gluten in food products, we offer gluten-free hosts for Eucharist. If you desire to receive this host, we ask that you notify the Deacon at least 5 minutes before Mass in order that we can prepare for the special host for the Mass.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations to all expectant parents! If you would like information about having your baby baptized please call the parish office and we will be happy to help you with the preparations, 973-584-1101.

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in Randolph will be offering Companions on the Journey: We Need Not Grieve Alone, a 6-week bereavement series offering opportunities for caring, connection and spiritual support. The Wednesday evening gatherings will begin on April 18 at 7:30PM and conclude on May 23. Pre-registration by Monday April 16 is required. To sign up please call (973) 895-8970. Susan Maitner, M.A., group facilitator, is a Pastoral Counselor and Marriage & Family Therapist with 22 years of Bereavement Ministry experience.

FINANCE UPDATE

| | Weekend 02/05 | Weekend of 02/12 |
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| Envelope Collection | \$4,974.00 | \$5,101.00 |
| Loose cash | 457.00 | 545.65 |
| Total Collection | \$5,431.00 | \$5,646.65 |

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| Envelope Collection | \$4,974.00 | \$5,101.00 |
| # identifiable Contributors | 171 | 167 |
| Avg Donation | \$32.00 | \$31.00 |

Parish Pay December (138 families) Monthly \$15,400

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| Fiscal year to date contribution: | \$277,122 |
| YTD Budget | 284,800 |
| YTD Variance | *\$-7,678 |

Central & Eastern Europe Offering **\$1,504.31**

*ParishPay donation is included in the Fiscal YTD Contribution. Thank you for your generous contributions and for your continued support.

PARISHPAY AUTOMATED GIVING UPDATE

To date, 138 parish families have made the choice to contribute to St. Matthew's via ParishPay. Our goal is to have 200 families sign up to use automated giving via ParishPay. **Automated Giving is an** alternate means of support for St. Matthew's instead of envelopes. In lieu of weekly collections, the ParishPay program will collect monthly contributions from your checking, saving, or credit card account. There is **NO** cost to participate in the program. It's easy to sign up. Simply enroll at the program's website, www.parishpay.com or contact the parish office.

SHOPPER'S CLUB

This week, 30 families purchased Shopper Cards realizing a weekly profit of \$208.00, with a year to date total of \$1,503.26. Every purchase no matter how small results in profit for St. Matthew's. Remember, St. Matthew's realizes a profit of 5% of the face value of every Shopper's Card you purchase, at no cost to you. All cards can be bought after Masses in the Gathering Space.

HAITI RELIEF SERVICES

To reach Catholic Relief Services please call 888-277-7575 or info@crs.org. Catholic Relief Services can be found at 228 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, Maryland, 21203-7090.

HOSPITAL BOUND

If you or any of your family members are currently in the hospital or will be going into the hospital, please let the parish know so we can visit. Because of the new privacy laws, the hospitals cannot give us any information about you or your loved ones.

OFFICE CLOSE IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2012 in observance of President's Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, February 21st, Monday-Thursday 9AM-4PM and Fridays, 9AM-1PM.

COME FEED JESUS! BRIDGES LUNCH MAKING

We will meet on Friday, February 24 at 7PM to make brown bag meals for the homeless to be delivered to Bridges Outreach. We plan to prepare 100 lunches and 50 breakfast bags. Please let us know if you would like to help on the 24th and/or if you can donate some items! As always, we need lots of food items and hands to help prepare the bags. Please call Beth Hart at 973-598-1963 or Tom Meola at 973-277-7906.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Feb. 12, 2012

SUNDAY, Feb. 19... Hospitality, Rededication of Lower Level after the 10AM Mass.

MONDAY, Feb. 20... Search 6:45PM.

TUESDAY, Feb. 21.... Adoration 2-9PM, Sorrowful Mothers 7:30PM, RCIA 7:30PM, Boy Scouts 7PM.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 22... Ash **Wednesday**, Evangelists 6:30PM.

THURSDAY, Feb. 23... Boy Scouts 7PM, Men's Cornerstone 7PM, Prayer Shawl Ministry 7PM.

FRIDAY, Feb. 24....Lenten Soup Dinner 5:30-7:30PM, Bridges 7PM.

SATURDAY, Feb. 25...Men's Cornerstone 7AM.

SUNDAY, Feb. 26... Angels 8:30-9:50AM, Saints 10:30-11:50AM,

Prophets 7-8 6:30-7:50PM, Grade 9-10 6:30-8:30PM, Search 1-5PM.

LENTE BOOKLETS AND CHILDREN'S LENTE CALENDAR

This weekend, February 18th & 19th, we will be distributing the Lenten Black Books, Children's Lenten Calendars and the Children's Stations of the Cross. Please be sure to take one each per family. Thank you.

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE

The Team Members of Women's Cornerstone would like to invite the ladies of our parish to attend this year's Women's Cornerstone retreat. The retreat will be held here at St. Matthews on Friday March 2th thru Saturday March 3th. The Cornerstone retreat is a 26 hour experience where we have the wonderful opportunity to pause and take a deep breath in order to recognize, appreciate and give thanks for God's presence in our lives. This year's theme is **Sewn Together by Faith**. Our Cornerstone Weekend will provide us with the chance to take time out of our hectic lives to tend to our relationships with God and each other. Please consider giving yourself, or the woman you love, the gift of a Cornerstone retreat. There are brochures in the gathering space for more information. Please contact Kate Olive at cwo123@optonline.net or 973-246-6508 with any questions or to register.

CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your generosity helps provide not only daily necessities for those in the region but also pastoral care and catechesis that restore the strength of the church there. Please visit the website www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, to learn more about what your donations have accomplished.

PASTA DINNER



Having trouble deciding what to make for dinner on another Friday in Lent?? Please join us for a meatless pasta dinner on **Friday, March 23rd** from 5:30 - 7:00pm in Heritage Hall. The torch has been passed from our (recently confirmed!) high schoolers to our current 7D middle schoolers! They will be in charge of selling tickets, setting/cleaning up and serving you a delicious meal which will include pasta, salad, dessert and drink - all as a service to our St. Matthew's community. Any monies made from the evening will be donated to St. Matthew's Hope Builders and our teens who travel to Kentucky where they help complete home repairs for local residents. Tickets are \$7.00 each, families of 4 or more \$25.00, Seniors are \$5.00 each. Tickets will be sold after Masses the weekends of 3/10 and 3/17. *We will not be selling tickets after 3/19, and we, unfortunately, will be unable to sell tickets at the door.* Any questions, please contact 7D religious ed teacher Terri La Penna at terlap4@verizon.net. **Thank you** for your support!!

HOPE BUILDERS FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Hope Builders, in conjunction with Good Neighbors, a grassroots 501(c)3 charity that provides home and automobile repair exclusively for employed American families, helps to build and repair homes for the working poor in Appalachia. Last year's trip cost a little over \$28,000 for 70 Hope Builders to participate. This year our expenses will be more as we hope to bring along 10 more participants, so we can affect the lives of 3 more families, totaling 10 families we hope to help.

Hope Builders Upcoming Events –

Thank you for your continued Support

- ❖ February 24: Lenten Soup Dinner 5:30-7:30 with Crown of Thorns craft. (Tickets available in the office or after Mass. \$5 per ticket includes, choice of 3 soups, bread, drink, dessert and Crown of Thorns craft.)
- ❖ February 25 & 26: Easter Plant Sale (after masses)
- ❖ March 15th & 29th: ZUMBA® Classes 7 PM Heritage Hall - \$10/class

FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU!

This month, our food pantry delivered 80 bags of food to the Trinity Lutheran soup kitchen in Dover and the Carmelite nuns in Chester. Thank you to all of our wonderful parishioners who continue to support our mission of feeding those in need right here in Morris County. You are a shining example of living out Christ's word. Thank you and God Bless you.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT OFFERINGS

The Paterson Diocese Office of Family Life has just listed a roster of Bereavement Support offerings for 2012. Please check the Bereavement Ministry table and the Bulletin Board in the Gathering Space for detailed listings or call Susan Maitner (973) 895-8970 for more information.

ZUMBA® FITNESS CLASS

Ditch the workout and join the party; come try a Zumba® Fitness Class for Hope Builders on Thursday, March 15th & 29th at 7pm in Heritage Hall. Donation is \$10 **per person per class** ~ all proceeds to benefit the Hope Builders trip. Burn some serious calories and bring Hope to others! Bring a towel and water and have some fun! ***All participants understand that all activities that they participate in at this event are done at their own risk and they accept all responsibility. Zumba Fitness, LLC and any and all of agents, Elizabeth Robinson, St. Matthew the Apostle Parish and any and all of its agents are not and will not be held responsible.**

Save the Date

Vacation Bible School-Resurrection Parish
"SKY" August 6 – 10, 2012
More information to follow.

DIVORCE AND BEYOND

For those who are recently divorced or who are in the process, this program will help men and women through the initial stress, anger, and guilt toward healing, growth and new life. Weekly sessions will cover the experience and emotions of the early stage of divorce, providing helpful suggestions for making divorce a growing experience. From March 13 to May 22nd, *10 Tuesdays, 7-9 pm *no meeting April 10. Corpus Christi Parish in Chatham NJ 973-635-0070 ext. 720. There is a \$20 book & material fee. Sign up forms are on the Gathering Space table.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE

Once again the Leprechauns will be invading Chester, New Jersey. Yes... the Knights of Columbus, Council 5410 and St. Lawrence the Martyr Church will hold their annual St Patrick's Dinner Dance. Traditional Irish Dinner and Refreshmentsand Music by The Susan Shaw Band featuring Tommy D. The event will take place at The St. Lawrence Parish Hall on Saturday March 17, 2012, and will start at 6PM to 11:30PM. Come and enjoy the festivities, great Irish food and real Irish music and a real good time, the Irish way! Cost is \$35.00 per person, For Ticket Information Call Virginia at 973 584 3405.

WOMEN OF FAITH COFFEE, TEA & CAMARADERIE,



Our Women of Faith dates for the new year are as follows, the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the months: March 15th, April 5th & 19th and May 3rd & 17th and June 7th, at 1PM. The kettle will be on and the coffee and tea will be brewed! So bring your cup and relax and enjoy our faith filled conversations. There are no strangers only friends we haven't met yet. If you have any questions please call Moira at 973-584-3788

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us on Tuesday, February 21st from 2-9PM for Eucharistic Adoration. This is a wonderful opportunity, especially this time of year, to sit quietly with the Lord. Adoration is held every third Tuesday beginning October through June. Please consider making a commitment of spending one hour in quiet, reflective prayer before the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist exposed on the altar. What a great opportunity for praise, thanksgiving and quiet prayer.

WELCOME HOME

"Welcome Home" is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent, from February 27th to March 26, 2012 from 7PM to 8:30PM in every Catholic Church in the diocese of Paterson. Experience the gracious mercy of God! www.Welcomehometohealing.org.

LENTEN SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY FOR WOMEN

All women of our parish and their friends are invited to attend the 19th annual Lenten Spiritual Day sponsored by the Paterson Diocesan Council of Catholic Women beginning with coffee and registration at 8:30am and continuing to 2PM on Saturday, March 24 at St. Mary Parish, Route 46 and Myer Ave., Denville, NJ. Registration breakfast, and lunch will be in the school building. All other events will take place in the church. The Spiritual Director will be Rev. John Andrew Connell, Pastor of Resurrection Parish. The liturgy of Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent will be celebrated by Fr. Connell at about 11am. All are welcome. Reservations must be made in advance. The stipend for attendance is \$5.00 per person. Please bring a "brown bag" lunch; beverage and dessert will be served. Plan now to take part in this beautiful opportunity for spiritual growth and sharing. For reservations please call Kathy Levendusky at 973-772-5918.

5TH WEDNESDAY

This month's 5th Wednesday is February 29th. We are providing meals to the Trinity Food Kitchen as part of our regularly scheduled "5th Wednesday Program". Please sign up to participate by either providing a dish or serving at the Food Kitchen. Foil pans can be found in the gathering area.

SENIOR RETREAT DAY

Please join us on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from 10am-3pm in Heritage Hall for a day of reflection, prayer and sharing. Our speaker will be Sister Anita M. Constance, SC, the former director of Xavier Retreat Conference Center at Convent Station, NJ. She is the author of several spiritual books and is experienced in giving retreats and workshops. Please RSVP to the office at 973-584-1101 by Friday, March 16, 2012.

EASTER FLOWER SALE



Hope Builders will be taking orders for Easter Plants the weekend of Feb. 25 and 26 after Masses. Easter Lilies, Daffodils and Tulips will be available in 8"-4" pots ranging from \$5-\$20. Distribution of the plants will be March 30 & April 1st, (Easter Sunday).

LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2012

8 AM & 7:30 PM Mass

4:15 PM & 5:15 PM Service

We will have a collection to support our Social Concerns Outreach. Envelopes are provided.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Monday evening

February 27-March 26

7 PM-8:30 PM

Saturdays 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, March 20

2 PM-7 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

*"Glory in the cross of our Lord,
Jesus Christ"*

As we embrace the Cross of Christ, we join Him in his pilgrimage of the cross to resurrection and new life.

On the Tuesday Evenings of Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross followed by a guest speaker, 7:30 PM-9 PM. Please see the back page of the bulletin for a list of speakers and topics.



LENTEN SOUP DINNER and Crown of Thorns Craft – **Feb. 24, 5:30-7:30**, in Heritage Hall, just \$5 per person, with the choice of 3 soups. No tickets sold at the door so buy yours soon. Available in the parish office or call 973-584-1101. Proceeds to benefit Hope Builders.

ST. MATTHEW'S LENTEN PROGRAM

"PILGRIMAGE"

Stations of the Cross and Spiritual Enrichment

Glory in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ

On five Tuesday evenings during Lent from 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. we will pray the Stations of the Cross followed by an outstanding guest speaker. As we embrace the Cross of Christ we join Jesus in his pilgrimage of the cross to resurrection and new life.

- **Feb. 28** Fr. Anthony Randazzo "Nouwen's Best for the Soul: Intimacy with Self, Others and God"
- **March 6** Dr. Linda Baratte "Portraits of a Holy Friendship: Mother Teresa, Dorothy Day and Eileen Egan"
- **March 13** Sr. Carol Jean Wille SC "The Way of the Cross in the 21st Century"
- **March 20** Mary Ramsden "Just Have Faith: A Walk through Hope"
- **March 27** Janet Pfeiffer "Healing Our Anger and Restoring Inner Peace"

Simplicity, Silence and Sabbath

Saturday, March 10, 9 a.m.-1 pm.

A simple retreat experience and personal time for reflection based on three common themes of Christian tradition: Simplicity, Silence and Sabbath. The retreat will enable the participants to journal and reflect. It will be led by Kurt Aschermann, an active contemplative and director of The Companions of Our Lady of the Holy Cross Abbey, a Trappist Monastery Note: Please RSVP to St. Matthew's, (973) 584-1101, if attending the retreat.