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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

A NEW ORDER

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem." A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. In today's first reading, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord.

The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new order and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Soon we celebrate anew the fruit of Mary's womb. As we are told in Hebrews, Jesus' new order is being established even today. And as Micah proclaims, his greatness is reaching even now to the ends of the earth.

Reverend Clem Hammerschmitt, Pastor
Reverend Jacob Asiedu-Frempong
Deacon Andy Plucinski
Deacon George White
Deacon Robert Garamella

Mass Schedule

Saturday
4:00 P.M. & 5:30 P.M.

Sunday
7:45 A.M.- 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.
& 12 Noon

Daily Mass

Monday through Saturday
8:00 A.M.

Confessions

Saturday 3:15 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.

Loving Hands Ministry

Meets every Tuesday from
10:00 A.M. to 12 noon
in the parish center.

Parish Office:

6090 Hypoluxo Road
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(561) 966-8878

Office hours: Monday-Friday

8:00 A.M. - Noon
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Parish Secretaries

James Schultz
Dorothy Laudano

Religious Education

Debbie Whitlock
(561) 966-1538

Youth Ministry

Suzanne McKay
(561) 966-8878

Council of Catholic Women

Join us the third Tuesday of each month for Mass at 7:00 P.M., followed by a 7:30 P.M. meeting and light refreshments.

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday after the 12:00 Noon Mass. Parents must be registered and active members of the parish for at least three months. No confirmed dates are given before approval by the pastor. Contact the parish office two months in advance. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing, Roman Catholics and must obtain a sponsor certificate from their parish.

In order to avoid disappointments, do not book travel plans with family, Godparents, etc. until a confirmed date has been assigned through the parish office (561) 966-8878.

Marriages

Notify the parish office at least four months in advance.

Ministrations to the Sick

We appreciate knowing when a parishioner is in the hospital or homebound. Please call the parish office.

Are you registered in the parish? Please do not take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend mass here. If we have no record of your parish membership it could be quite embarrassing to us, or to you or your family, when someone wishes to make wedding plans, have a baby baptized, or if you have been asked to act as a sponsor for baptism or confirmation. Please fill out a census form, which is located at the entrances of the Multi Celebrational Building (MCB), and mail it to the parish office.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday December 19 th	4:00 P.M.	Stephen A. Zabriskie requested by his children Regina Heinick requested by her husband Richard
	5:30 P.M.	Augusta Collucci for Strength & Guidance requested by Patricia & Lou Tobia Encoh Asumeng and Samuel Asumeng requested by Al Norato
Sunday December 20 th	7:45 A.M.	Enoch Asumeng and Samuel Asumeng requested by Theresa French For the parishioners and benefactors of St. Matthew Parish
	9:00 A.M.	Doretea & Belen Adel requested by the Velasquez Family Marilyn Burns requested by Patty & James Schultz
	10:30 A.M.	Logan & Busch Families requested by Katherine Busch Marcelle Smith requested by Lois Porcella
	12:00 P.M.	Bridget Saia requested by Maria & Salvatore Saia Anthony DiGiovanni requested by his wife Dolores and Family
Monday December 21 st	8:00 A.M.	Blanca Acevedo & Arturo Rendon requested by their daughter Alexandra & Family Dominick Carrecia Jr. requested by his mother Bernadette
Tuesday December 22 nd	8:00 A.M.	Florence Englander requested by Gloria Salzarulo Theresa Lazor requested by Mr. & Mrs. Wolford
Wednesday December 23 rd	8:00 A.M.	Raymond Urbinato requested by his wife Peggy Eleanor DiRocco requested by the Mangan Family
Thursday December 24 th	8:00 A.M.	Rosalinda & Milagros Acuna requested by the Velasquez Family Virginia Landry requested by Walter & Joan Dembroski
	4:00 P.M.	Brad Wright requested by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Seeley Marilyn Hogan requested by the Family
	5:30 P.M.	Hammerschmitt, Klauck and Johnson Families Alana Tyminski restoration of health requested by her Family
	8:00 P.M.	Rose Heist requested by Tom Brady Mercurio Caronia restoration of health requested by Paul Imprescia & Family
	12:00 A.M.	Dorothy Lamattina requested by Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Martorano For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Matthew Parish
Friday December 25 th	7:45 A.M.	Corona & Catalano Families requested by Rosalie John Mezanko requested by Bernadette, John & Matthew
	9:00 A.M.	Bernadette C. Reynolds requested by Jesse Rivera & Family For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Matthew Parish
	10:30 A.M.	Russell Polimeni requested by his Family Gus Izzo requested by Steve Izzo
	12:00 P.M.	Ryan Smith for strength and guidance requested by Karen Ginsberg Maria White
Saturday December 26 th	8:00 A.M.	All the Souls in Purgatory requested by the Duong Family Yanique G. Boute requested by her Children
	4:00 P.M.	Rowland J. Lynch requested by his wife Elayne George & Rose Walter requested by their daughter Connie Hayes
	5:30 P.M.	Margaret & Jim Carey requested by the French Family Walter J. Pagowski 7th Anniversary requested by Helen, Louis and Candance Ahlquist
Sunday December 27 th	7:45 A.M.	Michele Roth requested by Charles & Ellen Roussin For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Matthew Parish
	9:00 A.M.	Mark Zarafu requested by his wife Mary & Albert Aiello requested by their daughter
	10:30 A.M.	Kevin Wolford requested by his Parents Fernando & Elba Silva requested by their daughters
	12:00 P.M.	Henrietta Salpietro requested by Theresa Artemio Guillera requested by Arlene Kaplan



300 Club

Congratulations to Joan A. Benjamin, the 17th week's winner of the 300 Club.

Christmas Schedule

Saturday, December 19 th	Confession 2:30 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.
Monday, December 21 st	Confession after 8:00 A.M. Mass
Tuesday, December 22 nd	Confession after 8:00 A.M. Mass
Wednesday December 23 rd	Confession after 8:00 A.M. Mass
<i>Masses</i>	
Thursday, December 24 th	4:00 P.M. 5:30 P.M. 8:00 P.M. 12:00 Midnight
Friday, December 25 th	7:45 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 12:00 Noon



*From you, Bethlehem, shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).
Psalm 80 -- Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.
By Christ doing the will of God, we have been consecrated. (Hebrews 10:5-10).
"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:39-45).*



Weekly Sponsorships for Donuts & Coffee are available for \$100.
Monthly Sponsorships for Pancake Breakfast are available for \$300.
Contact the parish office to reserve your week/month.



A very special thank you to Brad Zahn of Tillman Funeral Home for supplying the 2016 Calendars.

Thank you to all who participated in the Parish planting. Our grounds look beautiful!

Offertory Collection	
December 12 th & 13 th amounted to	\$11,053.64
Second Collection	
December 12 th & 13 th amounted to	\$4,115.88
Building Mortgage	
Principal	\$ 2,030018.90
Payment	\$ 00.00
Balance	\$ 2,030018.90



Second Collection
December 24th & December 25th
Mortgage Reduction

Second Collection
December 26th & December 27th
Building & Grounds Maintenance

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Thank you in advance for your generosity, and for your continued support of Saint Matthew Catholic Church.*

The story of the First Christmas was beautifully re-enacted at the 9:00A.M. Children's Mass. Thank you to all who supported and participated. Please note that CCD Classes will not be in session December 20th - 26th and December 27th - January 2nd. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 3rd.

In addition, the Parish office will be closed on December 24th & 25th.

Blessings to our Parish Family.
Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year.





Weekly Bingo will resume on Thursday, January 7th.
Doors open at 5:30 P.M., games begin at 6:30 P.M.



Paul Todd

St. Matthew C.C.W. welcomes Paul Todd & Co.
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Enjoy an evening of musical hits followed by dinner.
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Casino Night

St. Matthew Church's 5th Annual Casino Night Fundraiser will be held on Friday, February 5th in the parish center. Come join fellow fun-seekers at a number of games including Blackjack, Poker, Roulette & Craps Tables, a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, as well as 30 slot machines.

Sponsors will be needed for the gaming tables and slot machines. Please contact the parish office if you can assist with these sponsorships.

Tickets available January 2016.

Visit the Parish Gift Shop before & after Mass for last minute Stocking Stuffers!



Youth Ministry is serving coffee and donuts in the parish center after the morning masses on Sunday, December 27th. All middle and high school youth of the parish are invited to help in this parish service project.

Come and share the spirit of the Christmas season!
Please call Suzanne at (561) 966-8878 for information.

2015 Diocesan Services Appeal contributions total \$113,599.52

We are currently short by \$12,400.48 for our 2015 Diocesan Services Appeal goal of \$126,000. Please keep in mind, if our yearly goal is not met through donations, funds must come out of St. Matthew Church's operating budget. Please give as often as your means will allow.

For additional information on the DSA, including program allocations, visit the diocesan website at:

<http://www.diocesepb.org/>

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach, will preside at the celebration of our 32nd Annual Anniversary Mass for Married Couples on Saturday, February 13, 2016, at 10:30AM, at Holy Spirit Church in Lantana.

All couples who will be celebrating 25, 40, 50 or more years of marriage in the calendar year 2016 are invited to participate.

Cake, coffee and punch will be served in their parish hall after Mass.

To attend, please contact St. Matthew parish office and register your names as soon as possible.



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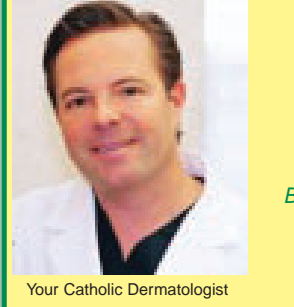
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