

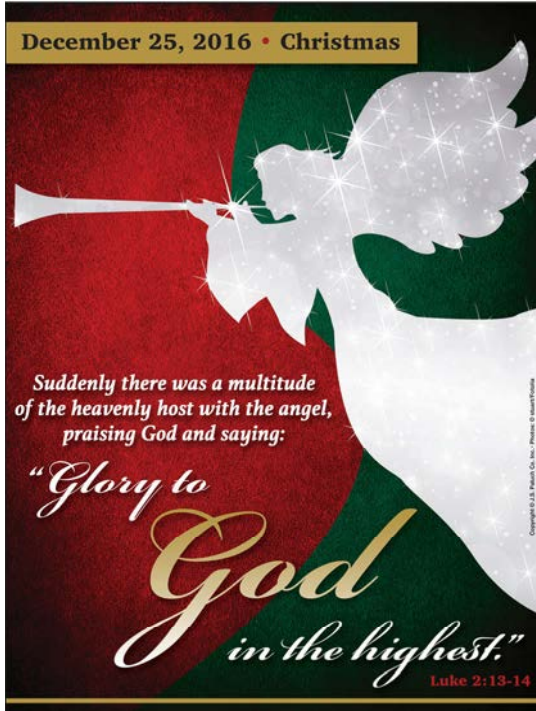


# St. Matthew Catholic Church

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## THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

*All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God*  
(Isaiah 52:7-10).

*All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God*  
(Psalm 98).

*God has spoken to us through the Son,  
the very imprint of God's being* (Hebrews 1:1-6).

*The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace*  
(John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

Reverend Clem Hammerschmitt, Pastor  
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.

### St. Matthew Men's Club

Meets monthly at 7:30 P.M. every  
second Wednesday 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  
[Debbie@saintmatthewchurch.org](mailto:Debbie@saintmatthewchurch.org)  
(561) 966-1538

### Youth Ministry

Suzanne McKay  
(561) 966-8878

### Council of Catholic Women

Join us the third Tuesday of each  
month, September thru May 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 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 P.M.

George & Rose Walter requested by their daughter Connie Hayes  
Brad Wright requested by Mr. & Mrs. Seeley

5:30 P.M.

Mary Raab requested by Trudy & Don

8:00 P.M.

Salvatore Riggio & Joseph Di Perna Sr. requested by their children  
Bill & Diane Hamad and Family requested by Mom

12:00 A.M.

Denise & Chas Gerber requested by Mom  
Anthony Furtado requested by Joe Berchielli  
John Figliolini requested by the Huard Family

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

7:45 A.M.

Catalano, Corona and Leone Families requested by Rosalie  
John Mezanko requested by Bernadette, John & Matthew

9:00 A.M.

Mark Zarafu and Albert, Mary and Michael Aiello requested by Millie Zarafu  
Bernadette C. Reynolds requested by Jesse Rivera

10:30 A.M.

Russell Polimeni requested by his Family  
Gino Vargas requested by Theresa & Marcel

12:00 P.M.

Gaetano Siciliano requested by his wife Dina and Family  
Butkus, Plucinski, Walsh and Chavik Families

Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 A.M.

24<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Bonnet  
Jeannick Boute requested by her children

Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

8:00 A.M.

Fernando & Elba Silva requested by their daughters  
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Matthew Parish

Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

8:00 A.M.

Joanne Traylor requested by her husband Richard  
Francis McCaffery requested by his wife Cathy and Family

Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

8:00 A.M.

Happy Birthday in Heaven Ray Wellman requested by Rosalie  
Isabel Marseille requested by Faviola

Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 A.M.

Madeline Manigat requested by her children  
Dylan Marseille requested by Faviola

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

8:00 A.M.

Buena Ventura requested by her daughter Precy and grandson Jay Alguno  
Denise Peña requested by Eileen Tirado and Family

4:00 P.M.

Stephen & Elona Zabriskie requested by their children  
Carmella Buck requested by Susan & Frank Scheer

5:30 P.M.

For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Matthew Parish  
Anna D'Piazza requested by Dina Siciliano and Family

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

7:45 A.M.

Hamad Children & Families requested by Mom  
Gus Izzo requested by his son Steven

9:00 A.M.

Angela Vendela requested by Jesse Rivera & Family  
Richard Burns requested by Jean Waddington

10:30 A.M.

Logan & Busch Families requested by Katherine Busch  
Steven Kreseski requested by Susan Heller

12:00 P.M.

Mary Raab requested by the Ward Family  
Anthony Furtado requested by Joe & Robin



# 300 Club

Congratulations to Margo Peoples, the 9<sup>th</sup> week's winner of the 300 Club!

*Congratulations to Rose Neptune and Jean Marcelin on the occasion of the Baptism of their daughter, Elizabeth.  
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

## St. Matthew Men's Club

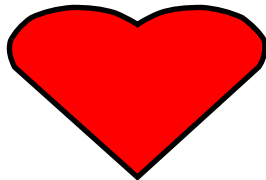


St. Matthew Men's Club is a ministry of St. Matthew Parish, open to all adult males of the parish, that provides an atmosphere for fostering Christian fellowship and a sense of community among the men of the parish aimed at strengthening family life in our parish. We serve as a support group and provide a structure to assist with various parish religious celebrations, social events and parish service projects.

Join us at 7:30 P.M. in the parish center on the second Wednesday of each month.

## Paul Todd

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2017



*Concert and Dinner*



## Casino Night

Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 2017

*Blackjack Poker Roulette  
Slots Craps Texas Hold'Em*



The Parish Office will be Closed on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>,  
Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There are No CCD Classes from December 25<sup>th</sup> thru January 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Classes will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Bingo will resume on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Offertory Collection

December 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
amounted to \$ 11,499.32

### Second Collection

December 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
amounted to \$ 1,324.00

### Building Mortgage

Principal \$ 1,947,568.15  
Payment \$ 0.00  
Balance \$ 1,947,568.15

We are currently short by \$17,415.31 for our 2016 Diocesan Services Appeal goal of \$132,500. Please keep in mind, if our yearly goal is not met through donations, funds must come out of St. Matthew Church's operating budget. For additional information on the DSA, including program allocations, visit the diocesan website at: <http://www.diocesepb.org/>

### Second Collection

December 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Mortgage Reduction

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Join us Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 for a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast after Mass in the parish center.

*Please note:* The first row of chairs are reserved for those who are handicapped.  
The celebrant of the mass should be the last to enter the church and the first to leave.

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



You're invited to  
St. Matthew Men's Club

# Winter Picnic

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Hot Dogs  
Hamburgers  
Games

Reservations needed, please R.S.V.P. by January 8<sup>th</sup>. Return slip to the parish office or place in the collection basket.



Yes! I will attend the Men's Club Picnic  
on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at St. Matthew Church.

Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_



# YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry hosted a "Parents' Night Out" on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

All teens of the parish are invited to help in upcoming service projects.

Please contact Suzanne at (561) 966-8878 for more information.



St. Matthew Church C.C.W.

# Christmas Raffle Winners

CASH Money in the amounts of \$500.00, \$250.00, and \$125.00

\$125.00 - Alan Zabriskie  
\$250.00 - Lucille Daleo  
\$500.00 - Dorys Guzman



Three Money Gift Cards at \$100.00

Diane Zawrotny  
Edith Price  
Eileen Hughes



Three Restaurant Gift Cards at \$100.00

Diane Zawrotny - Dominic's  
Janice Palermo - Olive Garden  
Frances Gerhard - Outback



Three Wine Baskets

Cathy Borden  
John Hollister  
Cathy Tolokan



**Congratulations to our winners, and thank you  
to all supporters of our Christmas Raffle.**

**I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPOTUNITY TO WISH ALL  
OF OUR PARISHIONERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS. MAY  
THE PEACE, JOY AND LOVE THAT MARY AND JOSEPH  
KNEW ON THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS REMAIN WITH YOU AND  
YOUR FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR.**

**GOD BLESS,  
FR. CLEM**

*Merry Christmas!*



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