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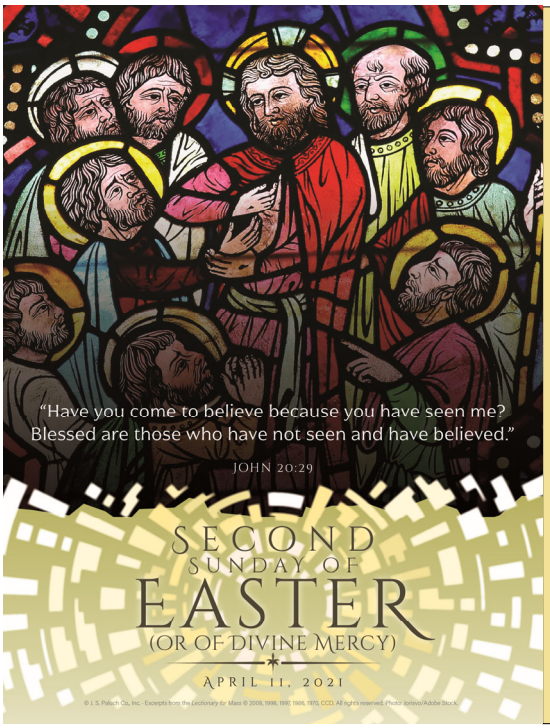

DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things - from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes - are "proof that there is a God." We get so caught up in the story of "doubting Thomas" that we fail to notice that today's Gospel gives us John's account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas' disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God - the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as "God" - more remarkable.

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead
(Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Lord, let your face shine on us
(Psalm 4).

We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one
(1 John 2:1-5a).

Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day
(Luke 24:35-48).

Reverend Clem Hammerschmitt, Pastor
Reverend Leonard Dim, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Raciel Treviño, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Andy Plucinski
Deacon George White
Deacon Robert Garamella
Deacon Michael Prestera

Mass Schedule

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

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

Daily Mass
Monday through Saturday
8:00 A.M.

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

Parish Office:
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Office hours: Monday-Friday
8:00 A.M. - Noon
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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(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 6:00 P.M., followed by a 6:30 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.

Loving Hands Ministry
Please contact the parish office for additional information.

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, or place it in the collection basket.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 17th		
	4:00 P.M.	Benito Romañach requested by his daughter Maria
		William Denham requested by Rita Gleason
	5:30 P.M.	Padre Pio requested by Father James De Vita
		Felisindo Enriquez requested by his wife and Family
Sunday, April 18th		
	7:45 A.M.	Joanne Traylor and her son Richard Traylor requested by Richard K. Traylor
		Bruce Zeidman requested by Elia & Charlie Nascimento
	9:00 A.M.	Anna Marie Kolshak requested by Janet Rosser
		JoAnn Long requested by her husband Fred Long
	10:30 A.M.	Barbara Hatch and Domenick Modena requested by Norma Modena
		Anthony Albarello requested by Linda Pagoulatos
	12:00 P.M.	Henrietta Salpietro requested by Maria Titto
		Georgia Ulseth requested by Joanne Riggio
Monday, April 19th		
	8:00 A.M.	Souls of Kochannam and Kochachan
		Happy Birthday in heaven Eugene "Sonny" Paris requested by his wife Mary Ann
Tuesday, April 20th		
	8:00 A.M.	Dorothy McPhillips requested by Tom
		Jose Hernandez requested by Lisa & Ted Vargas
Wednesday, April 21st		
	8:00 A.M.	Rose Vona requested by her husband Anthony
		For all the souls in purgatory
Thursday, April 22nd		
	8:00 A.M.	Restoration of health for Father James De Vita requested by his Family
		Erin Read requested by Lisa & Ted Vargas
Friday, April 23rd		
	8:00 A.M.	Happy Birthday in heaven Jimmy French Sr. and Tommy Ribaudo requested by the French Family
		Michael Breton requested by Jean & Lia Breton
Saturday, April 24th		
	8:00 A.M.	Clara Z. David requested by Mr. & Mrs. Potter
		For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Matthew Parish
	4:00 P.M.	William Lewis requested by Betty & Pete McManus
		James Maguire requested by Betty & Pete McManus
	5:30 P.M.	Restoration of health for Father James De Vita requested by his Family
		Padre Pio requested by Father James De Vita
Sunday, April 25th		
	7:45 A.M.	Theresa Stabile requested by her husband Paul Stabile
		For all the souls in purgatory
	9:00 A.M.	Cecilio & Inez Ruiz requested by Nancy & Chiro Ruiz
		Florence Englander requested by Gloria Salzarulo
	10:30 A.M.	Edwin & Jean Booth requested by their daughter Glenda Swann
		Father Seamus Murtagh requested by the McKay Family
	12:00 P.M.	Millie Dipalo requested by Theresa Dipalo
		Joseph Dipalo requested by Theresa Dipalo

Diocese of Palm Beach weekly Televised Catholic Mass

Every Sunday morning the Diocese of Palm Beach airs its Televised Catholic Mass from 10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. on the CW channel 34 WTVX, on the diocese Facebook page and on the website. To learn more, please visit https://www.diocesepb.org/tv-mass or www.diocesepb.org/2020-masses.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

300 Club

Congratulations to {Your Name Here}, this week's winner of the 300 Club!

Congratulations to B.J. Levitt on becoming a member of the Catholic faith.

Welcome to our Parish Family!

Charitable Organization Tax Information for 2020-2021

With 2020's tax filing season underway, it's never too early to start planning for 2021's tax season or jump start your charitable giving plans this year with St Matthew Parish in mind. Last year, the economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic led to several legislative changes including some provisions applicable to charitable giving. Most notably, higher deduction limits and a special deduction for **non-itemizers** which have been extended into the 2021 tax year. For **non-itemizers**, if you made a cash contribution in 2020, you can claim $300 on your income tax return even if you take the standard deduction. The new stimulus act continues that provision through the end of 2021, except that the amount that can be claimed by a couple filing jointly will be raised to $600. Previously (in 2020), the limit for both single filers and married couples filing jointly was $300.

Contributions from an individual retirement account (IRA) pre-existed the stimulus bills of the past year and continue to be an attractive means for making a charitable gift. After being waived in 2020, required minimum distributions (RMDs) from IRAs resume in 2021. Even though the age at which the RMD kicks in has been raised to 72, you can still make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) starting at age 70½. If you are aged 70½ or older, you may authorize your IRA administrator to transfer up to $100,000 per year (cumulatively) to one or more qualifying charities (St. Matthew qualifies as such). The amount you transfer will not be added to your taxable income, and it will count towards your mandatory distribution requirement. Whether you are required to make a minimum distribution or not, you can, at any age, designate St. Matthew Parish as the beneficiary of all or a percentage of your IRA. Completing a simple change of beneficiary form from your IRA administrator will allow funds to pass to St. Matthew's tax-free after your lifetime.

Offertory
April 10th & 11th
1st Collection $7,561.00

Building Mortgage

Principal	$1,675,567.86
Payment	
Balance	$1,675,567.86

Faith Direct

Enroll in eGive, using our Parish website www.st-matthew-church.com.

Contact Faith Direct toll free at 1-866-507-8757, or by emailing your questions to *info@faithdirect.net*.

Thank you for your continuous support.

2nd Collection
April 24th & April 25th
Mortgage/Debt Reduction

St. Ann's Place
Team 2
Monday, April 19th

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.

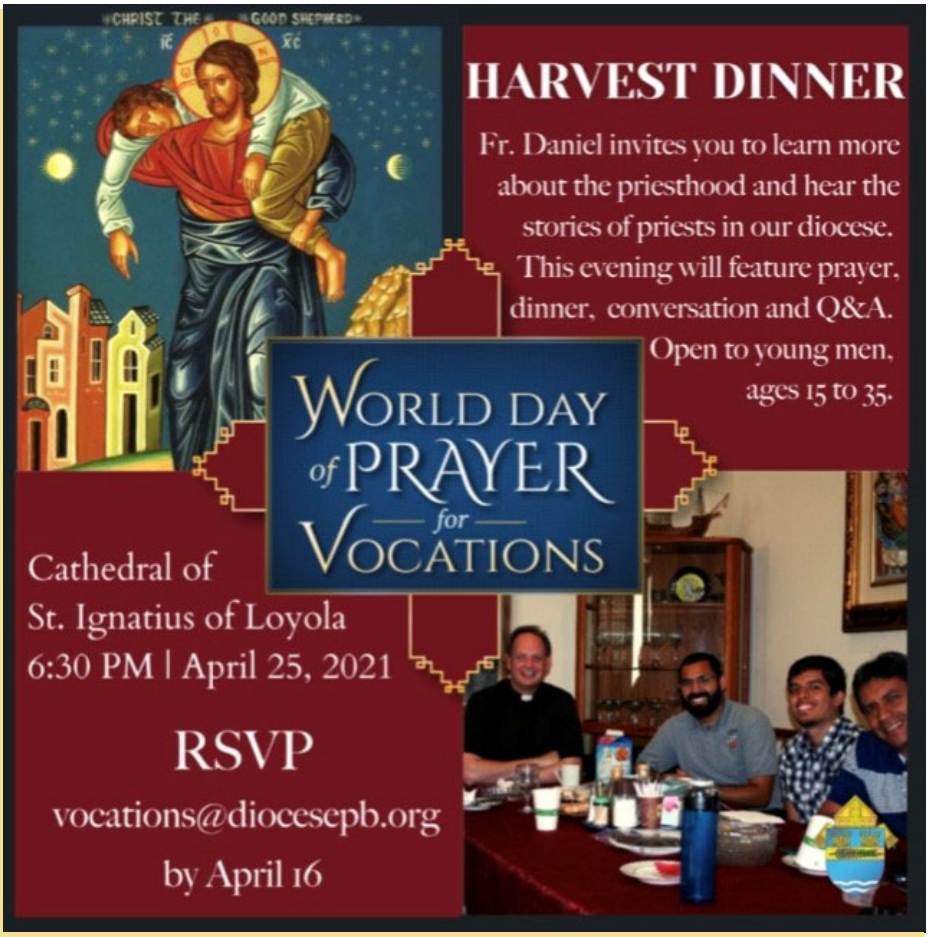
YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling all young men, ages 15 and up!

The harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few." Luke 10:2

The Diocesan Office of Vocations is sponsoring a "get to know us" evening on Sunday, April 25, for all young men thinking about a vocation to priestly ministry.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Daniel Daza-Jaller, Diocesan Director of Vocations, at vocations@pbdiocese.org, or see Father Clem for more information.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, you will all men and women to be saved and come to the knowledge of your truth. Send workers into your great harvest that the gospel may be preached to every creature and your people, gathered together by the word of life and strengthened by the power of the sacraments, may advance in the way of salvation and love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia. Psalm 66(65):1-2

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remissions of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia. Luke 24:46-47

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, Alleluia. Luke 24:35

Leave a Lasting Legacy:
Remember St. Matthew Church in your Will.

For more information, please call the parish office.

NATURE'S LESSONS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters. - St. Bernard of Clairvaux

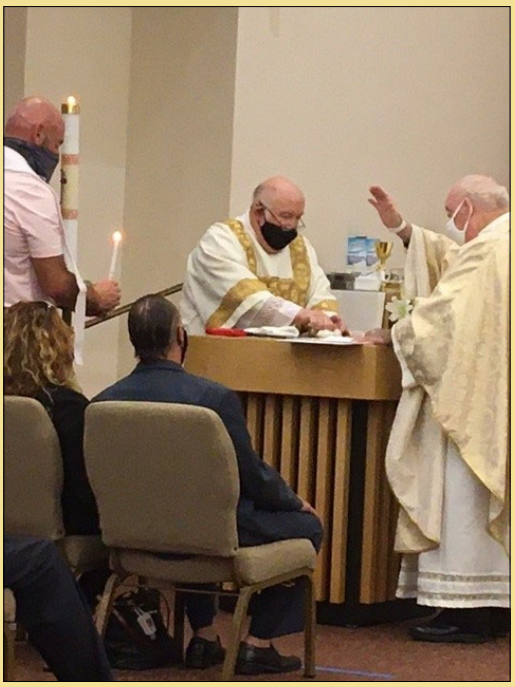
Eucharistic Minister & Lector Workshop

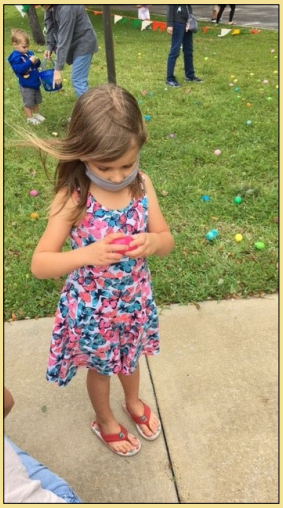
Interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or a Lector?

A workshop will be held at St. Matthew Church on Saturday, April 24th. Please call the parish office at (561) 966-8878 to register.

Easter 2021

May God continue to Bless our St. Matthew Parish Family!





Diocesan Services Appeal

We have raised $73,451.50 of our 2021 goal of $131,000.

www.diocesepb.org/resources

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Elder Affairs

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Are you concerned about the addiction of a family member?

The Family Recovery Workshop empowers families to deal with addiction in their families and to engage in their own recovery process. Contact Elena Garcia at the Office of Parish Social Ministry, (561) 360-3327.

Confidential, Professional and Affordable Counseling Available

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach offers confidential, affordable services at seven locations in the five-county area with counselors that incorporate the philosophy of spirituality and psychology to heal the "whole" person. Call (844) 848-6777 and speak to our intake coordinator for more information or to schedule a session.

Safety Tips for Kids & Families

The Diocesan Office of Safe Environments provides safety tips for online, gaming and texting safety; cell phone safety, bullying/prevention; and Safe to Compete for students and coaches at:
www.diocesepb.org/resources

Watch the Catholic Mass on TV

The Catholic Mass airs at 10:30 A.M. on local station CW34 WTVX, Comcast Channels 4 & 435HD & On AT&T/U-Verse Channels 4 & 1004HD.

Protection of Children and Young People

The Diocese of Palm Beach is committed to the safety and protection of all children and vulnerable adults in its care. Victims of abuse are encouraged to contact the Diocesan Coordinator, Lisa Linnell at (561) 775-9558. For information on Diocesan policies and procedures for reporting abuse, please go to www.diocesepb.org and click on Offices/Safe Environments.

Pray for Our Religious

The diocese maintains and updates a monthly calendar that you can use as a guide to pray daily for the Religious Sisters and Brothers in our diocese. Go to www.diocesepb.org/pray-daily-for-religious

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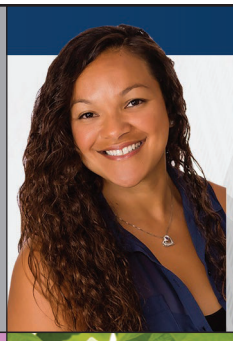
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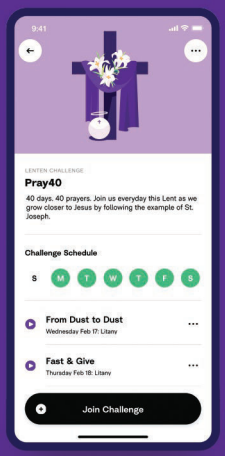

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