

ST. MATTHEW PARISH REGISTRATION



Welcome to Our Parish

If you attend Mass here at St. Matthew, we encourage you to register with us. Please stop by the Parish Office to fill out the simple registration form. We urge you to get involved with our ministries and, as a stewardship parish, ask that you use your Offertory envelopes. **If you are not a registered and active member of our parish, Baptisms, Marriages, Sponsor Certificates and other documents needed from the Church will take longer to obtain and, in some cases, not possible. You must be attending Mass regularly and be an active member within the parish.** If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office (954) 458-1590. Thank you. *We welcome to the parish family of St. Matthew:*



BAPTISMS AT ST. MATTHEW

Baptisms in English take place on the third Saturday of each month. Baptisms in Spanish take place on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, November through May. If you would like to have your child baptized call the Parish Office at 954-458-1590. **To have your child baptized here at St. Matthew, you must be a registered parishioner. PLEASE NOTE:** There is an eight week waiting period from the date of registration before a baptism date can be set.



**Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2006**

*[T]he King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.*

- Zephaniah 3:15b

CELEBRATE

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God "will sing joyfully because of you, / as one sings at festivals" (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season.

Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty savior who is in our midst (in Zephaniah's words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don't have to worry, for God's peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds.

A medieval carol depicts Christmas as "my dancing day" and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merrymaking? Because "the Lord is near," as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp.

@ Copyright, J S Paluch Co.

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS ...
Confessions will be heard Monday, December 18th and Tuesday, December 19th from 9:00 - 9:30 AM as well as Saturday, December 23rd at 3:00 PM (prior to 4:00 PM Vigil Mass)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

BOLETIN HISPANO TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO:

Juan Bautista dijo a la gente: Yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro mas poderoso que yo. EL los bautizará con el Espiritu Santo y con fuego." Muchas gracias a todas las personas que participaron en la misa dedicada a NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE!!!!!! Este domingo 17 de Diciembre, 2006, seran bendecidas todas las Senoras que esten esperando bebes. NOCHE DE NAVIDAD: El domingo 24 de Diciembre, 2006 a las 8:30 PM, tendremos Misa Hispana de Noche Buena, no dejen de asistir !!! DIA DE NAVIDAD: El lunes 25 de Diciembre, 2006 a la 1:00 PM seran Bendecidos los bebes y los Ninos Jesus de los Pesebres. Seguimos colectando juguetes para el DIA DE LOS REYES MAGOS, ver a la Senora Aurora a la salida de misa.

WOMEN & MEN OF ST. MATTHEW

The next general meeting of the Women & Men of St. Matthew is scheduled for Jan. 9, 2007 at 7:00 PM in Parish Hall. The final Parish Festival meeting will be held prior to this at 6:00 PM. Please make a note of this and watch the bulletin for further details.

ENGLISH CLASSES

Benjamin and Elsa Bolet instruct classes to learn the English language Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in Parish Hall.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Mondays from 7:30 to 10 AM.

ST. MATTHEW MEN'S PRAYER MUFFIN

Meetings are held every Monday from 7:00 - 8:00 AM in Parish Hall. All men of the parish are invited to attend.



ST. MATTHEW CRAFTMAKERS

St. Matthew Craftmakers meet every Monday at 9:30 AM in Rose Hall. Please feel free to join this creative group.

LEGION OF MARY

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 9:30AM in Rose Hall.

BINGO BRUNCH BRIGADE

BINGO is held every Wednesday year round...doors open at 10:00 AM and games begin at 11:00 AM. Lunch is provided for \$1.00. Coffee is available until 11:00 AM.



SCRIPTURE STUDY

Meetings are suspended temporarily until further notice. Please watch the bulletin for further details on when they will resume or call the Parish Office.

ST. MATTHEW PRAYER GROUP

All are welcome Thursdays at 10:00AM in Rose Hall.



*Memo from Betty Dadio and the OUTREACH Ministry
St. Matthew Parish "Adopt A Family" for Christmas
and Christmas Tree Angels*

*Today, Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006, the Christmas gifts from the Christmas tree angels will be distributed along with the "Adopt A Family for Christmas" meals. To those who contributed to these most worthwhile causes this holiday season...
THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!*

Memo from the Office of Ascending Life ...

"ENRICHING THE LATER YEARS OF LIFE" A Special Day for Seniors, sponsored by the Ascending Life Office of the Archdiocese of Miami, will be held at St. Thomas University on Saturday, January 27, 2007. The day will include Mass at 11:00 AM at the Chapel with Lunch and Presentation in the Convocation Hall. For additional information, please call 305- 279-8455.

Italian Night, Friday, January 12, 2007
7 - 11 PM in Parish Hall

Donation \$20.00 per person

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! Call 954-458-1590

Or see our friend, Kelly O'Reilly, after Mass on Sunday



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

OFFICE HOURS BY APPOINTMENT
OLIVER R. DI PIETRO, M.D.
1045-95TH Street, Suite 100, Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154
305-993-4400
www.drddipietro.com



**WOMEN & MEN OF ST. MATTHEW
2007-2008 REGISTRATION**

This is your last chance to become a member of the Women & Men of St. Matthew. \$5.00 per person
Please call the Parish Office to register - 954-458-1590
Cut-off date is January 5, 2007 **Don't be left out. Call NOW!**
Also ... Thank you to everyone who brought a covered dish to the December 5th meeting of the Women & Men of St. Matthew. A good time was had by all and we look forward to doing this again.

ST MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH WISH LIST

- Wrought iron electric votive light stand
- Electrician - donation of time
- Underground sprinkler system
- Landscaping



Thank you for your generosity in last weekend's special collection for the

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The RFR benefits more than 37,000 elderly men and women religious who received only small stipends for their decades of service. Your gift makes a difference! May God bless you and yours.

STEWARDSHIP: "Sharing God's Gifts"

As Catholics, we give in gratitude for what God has given to us; this is what motivates us. We give because of faithfulness.

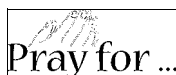
The offertory collection for December 10, 2006 was \$5,899.25 (199 envelopes used). The weekly collection must be \$7,993.00 in order for St. Matthew Parish to meet our operating expenses: utilities, assessments, etc. In using your offertory envelopes each week, please make sure your envelope number is listed on it. If you do not know your envelope number, please call the Parish Office and we will gladly give it to you. If you are currently receiving offertory envelopes in the mail and are not using them each week, please call the Parish Office.

Please keep those in the armed forces in your prayers especially during this holiday season when they are so far away from home, family and friends. Lord, watch over them and bring them home safely. We especially pray for Anthony Tello, Javier Arocho, Derek Rodriguez, Nelson Ramirez, Dwayne Pereira and Cathy Walker, relatives of St. Matthew parishioners.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER & LECTOR SCHEDULE

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Sat., December 16 4:00 PM	Bernie D'Amour Grace Sarta Barbara Woroniecki	Juli Anne Weichart
Sun., December 17 8:30 AM	Mairiam Dennard Raymond Dennard Betty Levine	Terese Altieri
10:00 AM	Rita Barton Luis Gomez Patricio Palacios	Nieves Palacios
11:30 AM	Rosario Bergouignan Pauline Berman Richard Paiz	Guy Barbieri
1:00 PM	Aurora Luna Victoria Jose Sanchez Maria Toro	Lucila Corredor Judith Sanchez
6:00 PM	John George Kevin George	Gina Diaz
Sat., December 23 4:00 PM	Bernie D'Amour Grace Sarta Barbara Woroniecki	Kathy Lohse
Sun., December 24 8:30 AM	Mairiam Dennard Raymond Dennard Betty Levine	Guy Barbieri
10:00 AM	Rosario Bergouignan Luis Gomez Gloria Ippolito	Audrey Dunn
11:30 AM	Pauline Berman Olga Muniz Richard Paiz	Debbie Sexton
1:00 PM	Aurora Luna Victoria Frank Perlaez Maria Trujillo	Maria Torres Olga Valdivia
Dec. 24 Christmas Vigil 4:00 PM	John George Kevin George Grace Sarta	Gina Diaz
Midnight Mass 12AM	Bernie D'Amour Raymond Dennard Mairiam Dennard	Guy Barbieri
Christmas Day December 25 8:30 AM	Jean Baumgartner John George Kevin George	Audrey Dunn
10:00 AM	Rosario Bergouignan Luis Gomez Gloria Ippolito	Debbie Sexton
11:30 AM	Pauline Berman Olga Muniz Richard Paiz	Guy Barbieri

If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Thank you for all you do for St. Matthew Parish.



Kindly remember in your prayers the sick people of our parish, people confined to their homes, hospitals and nursing homes especially: Josephine Broccoli, Jack Talavera, Donna Irish, Victoria Otero, Santo Bettina,

Donna Marie DePierro, Jean Galgano, Vitana Milano, Loretta Palis, Mary Caccese, Daniel Bzyschuk, Jack Fogarty, Jane O'Loughlin, Stanley Czuprinki, the Demarzio family, Ceil Gable, Ulisia Bisia, Marie Casani, Wm Rodriguez, Vincent Anania, Patricia Ferro, Oneida Matos, Carola Morel, Jose Mitjans, Donna Brinkerhoff, Marie Schlenz, Ana Fernandez, Dr. Jack Bascove, Félix Gonzalez Jr., Sharon Kilculen, Regina, Lauren Salco, Frank Hayes, Damon Andrews, Rita Emillo, Judith Mehr, Manuel Soto, Jorge Luis Bagan, Robert Gross, David Denglie, Hilda del Toro, Gasper Patricio, Catherine Becker, Walter & Sophie Temchuk, Robert Friedel, Howard Perlman, Katherine Leone, Grace Guidone, Howard & Gerry Gruenwald, Agatha May, Claudia Tierre, Linda Reyes, Cindy Morrow, Mary Muchmore, Donald Van Loan, Jack DiFranco, Donald Ruth, Cynthia Comeau, Colleen Myers, Pilar Sanchez, Fr. Basil Congro, Neyda Martinez, Lawrence Rafferty, Anne Gedalye, Sr. Catherine Hunt, Jacqueline Cascione, Anthony Del Gatti, Dee Schepps, Mildred DeGregoria, Anita Albano, Carlos Balarezo, Gloria Zambrano, Conrado Mazpule, Christopher Porzio, Minerva Carmona, Bonnie Gauthier, Robert Valentino, Zachary Golstein, Mike Sands, Theresa Varese, Giancarlo Debattiste, Marco Rojas, Tom Silviera, Eddie Massa, Gertrude Carroll, John Dooney, Elfriede Pasternack, Rolando Mederos, Fr. Paul Deyo, Stanley Bilan, Phyllis Anita Dennard, Lorraine Marie Victory, Baby Sarah Smith, Helena Berrini, Domenic Silvestro, Diane Fote, Anthony Alfieri, Margrid Honig, Allen Muniz, Kay Sagarino, Yone Takaoka and Hailey Plunkett (2 years old).

Please pray for those who have died.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 16, 2006

4:00 PM †Mildred Del Pilar
†Robert Collantes
†Emanuel Valentine

Sunday, December 17, 2006

8:30 AM Brian Vonier (L)
†Elsie Konow
Parishioners of St. Matthew
10:00AM †Patrick & Mary Quinn
†Altagracia Hartley
11:30 AM †Robert Dombrowski
†Salvatore Acquista
†Karen Sharkey
1:00 PM †Mario & Corina Laguna
†Alberto Hernandez & Roberto Peters
6:00 PM †Dr. Andre Bacon

Monday, December 18, 2006

8:30 AM †Joseph Esposito
†Alberto Guzman
†Esther Mora

Tuesday, December 19, 2006

8:30 AM †Katherine Mary Faro

Wednesday, December 20, 2006

8:30 AM †Angie DiBella Giampaglia
†Adeline Asterita
†Lucille B. Frederique

Thursday, December 21, 2006

8:30 AM †Deceased of the Jos. Pellegrino & Realmuto families

Friday, December 22, 2006

8:30 AM †Charles Richer
Cathy & Shawn Sturmer (L)

Saturday, December 23, 2006

9:00 AM †Concetta & Salvatore Ganno & all deceased of the Locatelli family
†Stella M. Klopf
†Angela Realmuto

PLEASE REMEMBER THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI/ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.



ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you have any questions about CCD, please call the Director, Terri Andretta at 954-458-3600 * 954-579-0197 * 954-252-5436