



ST. MATTHEW PARISH REGISTRATION

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 the following newly registered parishioners to St. Matthew Parish: the Williams family, M/M D. Montrony, the Buffington family, the Rodriguez family and Rita Mitjans.*

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. **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. *We welcome newly baptized Eva Maria Beloso to our faith community here at St. Matthew Parish.*



First Sunday of Lent February 25, 2007
The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.
 - Romans 10:8

JESUS AND THE DEVIL

The devil tempted Jesus by quoting Scripture, as today's Gospel reminds us. Try a self-serving miracle. Try selling out. Try dazzling the audience; people are gullible, after all. Try all these easy ways. The tempter tries to urge Jesus onto the slippery slope, attempts the old soft-soap, the snake-oil solutions that are always readily at hand. The devil knows better, but is powerless to do better, much less be better. The devil is evil personified, who senses in Jesus the stronger, truly attractive presence of holiness.

Evil is exposed and engaged, we are reminded in this Sunday's Gospel. Evil knows the jig is up. The undoing of lies begins with Jesus, who takes up the work of soul-healing and world-healing. This Lent, the Church invites us to enter into this renewing, re-creative work and be made whole again.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 15:5-12,17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17 - 4:1 [3:20 - 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Schedule for next week

Sat., Mar 3 4:00 PM	Mario Cardamone Nieves Palacios Patricio Palacios Grace Sarta Bernie D'Amour	Alice Lombardo
Sun., Mar 4 8:30 AM	Teresa Altieri Braulio Ortiz Hilda Ortiz Betty Levine Jean Baumgartner	John Muscarella
10:00 AM	Rita Barton Bernie Jenkins Rosario Bergouignan Richard Paiz Carol MacMurtrie	Cathy McCoy
11:30 AM	Pauline Berman James Bertera Luis Gomez Olga Muniz Gloria Ippolito	Richard Paiz
1:00 PM	Aurora Luna Victoria Nery Taboada Olga Valdivia	Jose Taboada Magally Vazquez
6:00 PM	Mairiam Dennard Raymond Dennard Kevin & John George Carmen & Fausto Gomez	Guy Barbieri

PLS CALL MAIRIAM OR RAYMOND DENNARD 954-458-1989 REFERENCE SCHEDULE.

WOMEN & MEN OF ST. MATTHEW

The next general meeting of the Women & Men of St. Matthew is scheduled for **March 6, 2007 at 7:00 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.

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 held Thursday evenings at 7 PM in Parish Hall. Meetings will resume March 1st, the topic being "Praying with the Scriptures during Lent."

ST. MATTHEW PRAYER GROUP

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



'SWING INTO SPRING' LUNCHEON

Roseann Ingrassia, Chairperson

Saturday, March 3, 2007 12 Noon

Hillcrest Country Club \$35.00 per person - tables available

Includes music-complete lunch w/wine-table favor-boutique table-50/50

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER/DANCE & IRISH SWEEPSTAKES 50/50

Kelly O'Reilly, Ticket Sales Chairperson

Sweepstakes ticket \$50.00 Dinner/Dance \$20.00 per person

Drawing will take place at the dinner/dance Need not be present to win



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THE 2007 PARISH FESTIVAL, MAKING IT SO SUCCESSFUL. IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO NAME ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT PUT THEIR HEART AND SOUL INTO THIS PARISH FUNDRAISER - YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND SO DO THE REST OF US. GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED DONATION OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE. We'll see you at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner/Dance on May 18th. The winning raffle ticket #s are as follows:
 #10108, #22693, #16826, #06734, #23533, #23031, #23654, #21582, #08153, #22904, #00237, #08158.
 Please contact the Parish Office to pick up your winnings & congratulations

BOLETIN HISPANO

PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA: El espíritu lo fue llevando por el desierto, mientras era tentado por el diablo." Si eres el Hijo de Dios, dile a ésta piedra que se convierta en pan." Jesús le contestó: Está escrito "No solo de pan vive el hombre."

Nuestro FESTIVAL fué un éxito!!!!!! y le damos las gracias a todas las personas que elaboraron platos hispanos deliciosos y a las personas que donaron cheques., así como todas las personas que trabajaron en el mismo. Gracias, muchas gracias!!!!!!

Estamos necesitando personas voluntarias para enseñar Inglés. Lllamar a la oficina de la parroquia al (954)458-1590

DIA DE SAN PATRICIO: Que celebraremos el viernes 16 de Marzo, 2007 con cena, baile y rifas. Su costo \$ 20.00 por persona. No dejen de asistir !!! Ver a la Sra. Aurora a la salida de misa.

OREMOS: Por todas las personas que se encuentran en las Fuerzas Armadas. especialmente familiares de feligreses de nuestra parroquia, para que regresen pronto a sus respectivos hogares. Ellos son: Anthony Acebo, Anthony Tello, Javier Arocha, Derek Rodriguez, Nelson Ramirez, Adam Czyk, Dwayne Pereira, Cathy Walker y William Engels.

ADOM Office of Worship & Spiritual Life is offering workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. All workshops are from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The registration fee is \$10.00. Candidates must register with the Parish Office/Fr. Quinn. The next scheduled workshop in Broward County is at St. Bartholomew Parish on April 14, 2007. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



BLOOD DRIVE HERE AT ST. MATTHEW TODAY, February 25th, 2007 before and after the Masses Please stop by & help 'save a life' by donating blood

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 February 18, 2007 was \$9,270.75 and 211 envelopes were 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. Lord, watch over them and bring them home safely. We especially pray for Anthony Tello, Javier Arocha, Derek Rodriguez, Nelson Ramires, Adam Czyk, Dwayne Pereira, Cathy Walker and William Engels, relatives of St. Matthew parishioners.



ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Terri Andretta, Director of Religious Education
954-458-3600* 954-579-0197*954-252-5436

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED HERE AT ST. MATTHEW



Volunteers are needed in various capacities to help with Bingo here at St. Matthew every Wednesday. If you feel you'd like to donate your time to your parish, please call Roseann at 954-454-7698 for more information. Thank you!



ABCD 2007 Archbishop's Charities & Development UPDATE: As of 2/20/2007 the pledge total for our parish is \$82,165.00. Remember: our 2007 goal was set at \$80,000.00. 'Thank you' to those families who have made pledges and assured the success of this worthy annual campaign.

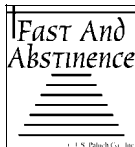
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR COPY OF THE MARCH SCHEDULE IN THE SACRISTY THIS WEEKEND. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE, PLEASE CALL RAYMOND OR MAIRIAM DENNARD AT 954-458-1989 AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR ST. MATTHEW PARISH.

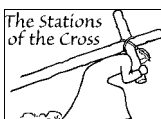
St. Matthew is in need of a person or persons who would like to volunteer to work as parish Sacristan. The sacristan is responsible for opening the Church each morning, putting on lights, air conditioning, arranging vestments for the priest for Mass, preparing the altar i.e. wine, water, lighting candles, tabernacle key, setting the lectionary and sacramentary at the proper pages. Also caring for all of the vessels, vestments, books, linens, candles and other supplies that are used in our parish liturgies. It also would entail being present and arranging for funerals, weddings and other liturgical functions. It is a full time commitment and will be quite demanding at times. We welcome volunteers willing to work as a team to do this work if that would be more feasible: if that can be so, each person could split the daily or weekly. Please contact Fr. Quinn or the Parish Office.



The holy season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 21st. Both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat for all who are fourteen (14) years and older. They are also days of fast (one full meal and two small meals with nothing eaten in between the meals) for adults from twenty-one (21) to fifty-nine (59) years of age. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those fourteen (14) and older.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE SAID EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT 12:00 NOON IN THE CHURCH. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.



The WELLSPRING EXPERIENCE - a live-in weekend for those dealing with unresolved feelings of loss so as to move on. Broward call 954-525-1157 x 1142

Pray for ... 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 M. DePiero, Jean Galgano, Loretta Palis, Mary Caccese, Daniel Bzyschuk, Jack Fogarty, Jane O'Loughlin, Stanley Czuprinski, 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 L. Bagan, Robert Gross, David Denglie, Hilda del Toro, Gasper Patrico, 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, Donald Ruth, Cynthia Cameau, 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 Silveira, Gertrude Carroll, John Dooney, Elfriede Pasternack, Rolando Mederos, Fr. Paul Deyo, Stanley Bilan, Phyllis Anita Dennard, Baby Sarah Smith, Joseph & Helena Berrini, Domenic Silvestro, Diane Fote, Allen Muniz, Kay Sagarino, Yone Takaoka, Hailey Plunkett, Ernest Brinkerhoff, Edwin Zephirin, Dawn Scola, Dorothy Findly, Laura Pittman, Lou Troglio and Rose Mangiaracina. Also, please pray for those who have died, especially Jack DiFranco.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 24, 2007

4:00 PM †Joseph D. Casey
†Msgr. Robert R. Mazziotta
†Gloria D'Amour

Sunday, February 25, 2007

8:30 AM †Joseph Strippoli
†Nina Aiello
Parishioners of St. Matthew
10:00AM †Carol Chesney
†Pauline Martin
The Berardi Family (L)
11:30 AM †Frank Borelli & grandson David
†Steve Foti
†Donald Lang
1:00 PM †Fausta A. Prator
†Monica Acosta
†Irma Coronado
†Leon B. Garcia (1 yr)
6:00 PM †Alma & Joe Frey
†Paraska Wasylezuk
†Ermitas Chinchefas

Monday, February 26, 2007

8:30 AM †Michael Frank Pecoraro
†Jose Pujadas
†Brian Lee Blaine

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

8:30 AM †Robert W. Canfield
†Anthony & Angela Gatta
In thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

8:30 AM †Kathleen Campbell & John Oakley
†Josephine Malizia
In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Thursday, March 1, 2007

8:30 AM †Isaura Martins
†Irena Rafalski
†Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 2, 2007

8:30 AM †Rose & Domenic Narducci, Sr.
†Holy Souls in Purgatory
†Leonard & Susie Autera

Saturday, March 3, 2007

9:00 AM †William Miller
†Deceased Members of the Feingold family
†Rose & Domenic Narducci, Sr.

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