



**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: Ms. H. Cascante, the Blythe family and Dr. E. DuPont.*

**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.



**Fourth Sunday of Lent March 18, 2007**

*Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.*

*- 2 Corinthians 5:17*

**A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING**

Today's Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father's initial grief over his young son's avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son's grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.



We understand the eldest son's bewilderment over his father's generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday of rejoicing. It's time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53  
 Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Sat., Mar 24	Pauline Berman	Kathy Lohse (Lector)
4:00 PM	Barbara Woroniecki Mario Cardamone Bernie D'Amour Grace Sarta	
Sun., Mar 25	Teresa Altieri	Cathy McCoy (Lector)
8:30 AM	Mairiam & Raymond Dennard Betty Levine Jean Baumgartner	
10:00 AM	Rita Barton James Bertera Carol McMurtrie Braulio Ortiz Hilda Ortiz	Frank Sexton (Lector)
11:30 AM	Rosario Bemouignan Gloria Ippolito Bernard Jenkins Olga Muniz Richard Paiz	Audrey Dunn (Lector)
1:00 PM	Aurora Luna Victoria Nieves Palacios Patricio Palacios	Carmen Gomez (Lector) Fausto Gomez (Lector)
6:00 PM	Pauline Berman Mario Cardamone Kevin & John George Olga Valdivia	Gina Diaz (Lector)

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

**WOMEN & MEN OF ST. MATTHEW**

The next (and last) general meeting of the Women & Men of St. Matthew is scheduled for **April 10, 2007 at 7 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.

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



Thank you to all who helped support St. Matthew Parish by purchasing Irish Sweepstakes 50/50 tickets and attending the St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance this past Friday night. A guaranteed good time ... if you missed it this year, we hope to see you next year. Congratulations to the Sweepstake winners! Thank you, Kelly, for your time and effort in selling tickets for both the party & the raffle and thank you to all others who helped make this fundraiser such a success. God bless you and yours.



**The Feast of St. Joseph March 19, 2007**

Come celebrate this feast day at the 8:30 AM daily Mass on Monday



**BOLETIN HISPANO**

CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA: Jesús explicó a sus acompañantes la parábola del hijo pródigo. Nunca es tarde para arrepentirse, para regresar al padre amoroso y gozar de su presencia para siempre.

RETIRO PARA DIVORCIADOS Y SEPARADOS: Tendrá lugar el fin de semana del 23 al 25 de Marzo, 2007 en "Mother of Christ Church" situada en el 14141 SW 26 Street, Miami, Florida, 33175. Para reservación o más información llamar al (305) 762-1140/1157 ó (305) 553-3633 en la noche.

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ: Todos los viernes de Cuaresma a las 12 del día en la Iglesia. No dejen de asistir.

La celebración de SAN PATRICIO, fué un éxito!!!! Gracias a todas las personas que ayudaron a lograrlo!!!!

Seguimos necesitando personas voluntarias para enseñar inglés. Llamar a la oficina de la parroquia al (954) 458-1590

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 Ramires, Matthew Adamcheck, Dwayne Pereira, Cathy Walker, William Engels y Sebastian Rojas.

**RESPECT LIFE! Archdiocese of Miami Education & Information Day**  
 Saturday, March 24, 2007 from 9AM to 3PM at the N. Dade Respect Life Office  
 18340 NW 12 Ave., Miami RSVP 305-653-2921 (Lunch will be served)

Help us ... help the less fortunate. Bring a smile to a family at Easter. If you or someone you know would like to **"Adopt A Family" for Easter**, please mail your donation in or drop it off at the Parish Office. Donations will be accepted Sunday, April 1, 2007 in the Gazebo area after the Sunday morning Masses. Gift certificates from Winn Dixie and Publix are most welcome for these families who would not have an Easter dinner without your help. We are also looking for donations of chocolate Easter bunnies for the children. Family of 4: \$40.00 Family of 6: \$60.00 Family of 8: \$80.00 More than 8: \$100.00 Thank you for your generosity to those in need.



Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize that God's blessings were given to us for the well-being of all. - Anonymous

**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 March 11, 2007 was \$8,003.75 and 200 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, Matthew Adamcheck, Dwayne Pereira, Cathy Walker, William Engels and Anthony Acebo, 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!

**St. Matthew is still in need of a person or persons who would like to volunteer to work as parish Sacristan. Please contact Fr. Quinn or the Parish Office at 954-458-1590 and thank you for your prayerful consideration.**

*The St. Matthew Craftmakers are in need of donations of wool for knitting and crocheting projects. You can drop your 'offerings' off at the Parish Office 9AM - 3PM, Monday thru Friday OR drop them off directly to the Craftmakers. They meet every Monday at 9:30 AM in Rose Hall. Thank you.*



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

This weekend's second collection will be taken up for **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**, also known as the 'Bishops Overseas Appeal.' This collection makes possible the American Catholic Church's global mission to combat poverty, provide relief and development, assist refugees and immigrants, and advocate for justice and peace in situations of conflict and neglect of basic human rights.



Please help by giving to the Collection today.

**The Legion of Mary will be saying the Rosary every Friday after the 8:30 AM Mass during the month of Lent. Everyone is most welcome to come say the Rosary as well.**



**LENT: FAST FROM; FEAST ON**

- Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life.
- Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.
- Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that pollute; feast on the phrases that purify.
- Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger; feast on patience.
- Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
- Fast from worry; feast on divine order.

... to be continued .... *William Arthur Ward (American author, teacher & pastor, 1921-1994.)*



**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. DePierro, Jean Galgano, Loretta Palis, Mary Caccese, Daniel Bzyschuk, Jack Fogarty, Jane O'Loughlin, Stanley Czuprinki, the Demarzio family, Ceil Gable, Ullisia Bisia, Marie Casani, Wm Rodriguez, Vincent Anania, Patricia Ferro, Oneida Matos, Carola Morel, Jose Mitjans, Donna Brinkerhoff, Marie Schlenz, Ana Fernandez, Dr. Jack Bascope, 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, 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, Gertrude Carroll, John Dooney, Elfriede Pasternack, Rolando Mederos, Fr. Paul Deyo, Stanley Bilan, Phyllis Anita Dennard, Baby Sarah Smith, Helena Berrini, Domenic Silvestro, Diane Fote, Allen Muniz, Yone Takaoka, Hailey Plunkett, Ernest Brinkerhoff, Edwin Zephirin, Dawn Scola, Dorothy Findly, Laura Pittman, Lou Troglio, Rose Mangiaracina, Cathryn Cole, Aleida Gonzalez, Francis and Jennie DeGregoria, Arthur Anderson and Anthony Machitello.

Also, please pray for those who have died, especially Esther Ramsey.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, March 17, 2007**

4:00 PM †John & Edward Bruns  
†John J. Murphy  
†Brian Lee Blaine

**Sunday, March 18, 2007**

8:30 AM †Ann Fogarty  
Mary & Frank DeRossi (L)  
Parishioners of St. Matthew  
10:00AM †John & Carol Ferrara  
†Benjamin Asta  
†Frances Arigo  
11:30 AM †John, Joseph & Giovina DiGregorio  
†Esther Mora  
In Honor of St. Joseph  
1:00 PM †Rolinde Luque  
†Gilberto Garrido  
†German Rios  
†Sandra & Sonia Charris  
6:00 PM †Victor Hermasch  
†Brian Lee Blaine  
†Benjamin Franklin Morrison  
Ed & Denise Smith & family (L)

**Monday, March 19, 2007**

8:30 AM †Joseph Kowalkowski  
†Nicolino Adamo  
†Gerard Woorntman

**Tuesday, March 20, 2007**

8:30 AM †Manuel Villalta  
†Vince & Angel  
†Robert J. Durso  
†Francisco

**Wednesday, March 21, 2007**

8:30 AM †Mary Quinn  
†Alberto Guzman  
†Deceased Members of the Jos. Pellegrino & Realmuto families  
†Clare Pinto

**Thursday, March 22, 2007**

8:30 AM †Barry Quinn  
†Patricia & Mary  
†Joseph Burdo, Sr.

**Friday, March 23, 2007**

8:30 AM †Raymond & Libero Locatelli & all deceased family members  
†Nina Rosina & Frank LaBanca  
†Filomena Cimino Dimiele  
†Rosa

**Saturday, March 24, 2007**

9:00 AM †Gerald & Frances Lovett  
†Josephine Emanuele  
†Emanuele Castellana  
†Ignacio

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