

The Parish Family of Saint Matthew

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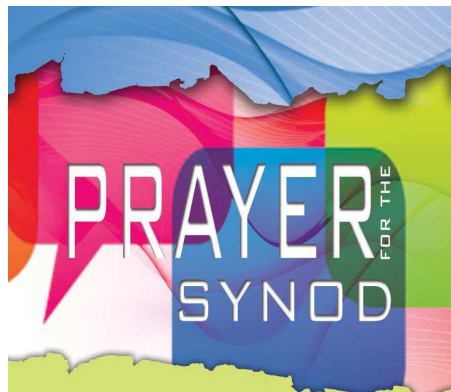
January 10, 2016
The Baptism of the Lord



UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW PARISH

- **Saturday, January 16th: Annual Catholic Appeal Kickoff Mass & Reception (See page 3)**
- **Monday, January 18th: Email for Parish Survey from Disciple Maker Index (See page 2)**
- **Saturday, January 23rd: Catholic Charities 100th Anniversary Celebration Mass & Reception (See page 3)**
- **Saturday, February 6th: Parish Mardi Gras Celebration (See page 3)**
- **Wednesday, February 10th: Ash Wednesday**

ST. MATTHEW PARISH SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL STUDY!



Lord Jesus Christ, you told your disciples: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Trusting in your promise, we come together for our Fourth Diocesan Synod.

Send us your Holy Spirit that we may participate in this Synod with passion, imagination and love. Give us, we pray, the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, courage and - above all - charity.

Help us to grow in unity and mutual respect. Guide us on the path of the New Evangelization as we plan for the future of the Church in Fairfield County.

Bless our Bishop, Clergy, Religious and Faithful. May all that we do reflect your divine plan.

We pray all this in your name, who are Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, Patroness of our Diocesan Synod, intercede for us!
Saint John XXIII, pray for us. Saint John Paul II, pray for us.

- **CHECK YOUR EMAIL ACCOUNT THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18TH FOR THE SURVEY LINK!** The survey will be emailed to you by DiscipleMakerIndex@measuring-success.com. If you don't receive an email, please check your "spam/junk folder".
- **Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey online.**
- **Available from January 18th through Ash Wednesday, February 10th**
- **All responses will be kept confidential.**
- **The parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.**

Other ways to participate:

- A generic link will be available through our website that will take you to the survey.
- Obtain a paper copy from the office available in both English and Spanish.

Thank you to Kim Oeding for assisting with this important project!

Msgr. Walter

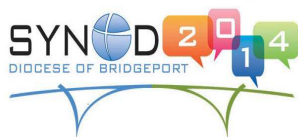
If we don't have an email address for you or you have changed it, please send us an email to stmattparish@hotmail.com with your name so we can add you to the list or fill out the form below & drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
KICKOFF MASS**
11:00am
St. Matthew Parish
Saturday, January 16th
Bishop Frank Caggiano, Celebrant
Reception immediately following
in the Masterpool Great Room
ALL ARE WELCOME!



SATURDAY, JANUARY 23RD
St. Matthew Parish
5:30pm - 10:00pm
Mass with Bishop Caggiano and the
Catholic Charities Leadership
Reception immediately following in the
Masterpool Great Room
OPEN TO ALL!



MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Saturday, February 6th

Free Admission

Watch the bulletin for more details.

Msgr. Walter is currently in need of new volunteers to assist him in the planning of this fun family event. If you are interested in becoming involved with our parish, please call the office or email Msgr. Walter at fatherwaltstmat@aol.com.



They who sing, pray twice!

Consider taking a step to deepen your faith through song!

Come join the youth or adult choir! No audition is required, and everyone is welcome! The youth choir rehearses on Thursday, 6:00pm-7:00pm, and sing at the 9:00am mass. Little Angels for Children ages 4 yrs. old - 2nd grade rehearses Thursday, 4:00pm - 5:00pm and sing once a month at the 9:00am mass. The adult choir rehearses on Thursday, 7:00pm-8:00pm, and sing at the 10:30 mass.

Questions??? Please feel free to call us!

Youth Choir and Adult Choir Director: Mrs. Lisa Morretti 203-984-8002 or Music Director: Mrs. Valerie Wyman 203-451-5959

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 11

12:10pm Albert Nickel
No Novena Mass

Tuesday, January 12

12:10pm Blanca Henao

Wednesday, January 13

12:10pm Rossiter T.B. Drake

Thursday, January 14

12:10pm Rose Schiano

Friday, January 15

12:10pm Josef Barbitsch

Saturday, January 16

4:00pm Robert DeStefanis
Joseph Sansaverino
Nicholas & Rose Crispi
Mary O'Brien
James & Elizabeth Donnelly
Frank & Carmella DeFormato
Joseph Mazzo
Catherine Stillman
Vera Protano

Sunday, January 17

7:30am Joseph Sansaverino
9:00am Cristine Sileo
10:30am Anthony Messina
12:00pm Henry Calladio
5:00pm Josie D'Antonio
Evangeline LaJoie
Special Intention
Maria Sandoval
Maria Minici

All weekday Masses are celebrated in the Chapel.

Confessions

Every Saturday 3:15pm - 4:00pm
First Tuesday of the Month 7:30pm - 8:30pm



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Offertory, 12/27/15:	\$14,750.50
Average Gift, 12/27/15:	\$ 26.11
Offertory same week 2014:	\$12,662.00
On-Line Giving:	\$ 1,008.00
Holy Family of Jesus ,Mary, & Joseph:	\$ 3,835.00
Candle Stands:	\$ 751.00
Solemnity of Mary, 01/01/16:	\$ 7,400.00
Offertory, 01/03/16:	\$18,890.00
Average Gift, 01/03/16:	\$ 26.65
Offertory same week 2015:	\$14,609.00
On-Line Giving:	\$ 1,853.00
Candle Stands:	\$ 630.00

Thank you for your faithful support and generous giving to our church! God Bless! Msgr. Walter



ELECTRONIC GIVING

is available through our parish website



**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them,
O Lord: Let Perpetual Light Shine
Upon Them**

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*Margaret Jones
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Ronald Mozzola*

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Reminder: We follow the Norwalk Public School schedule. No class on January 18th, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Confirmation Candidates and the 7th & 8th Grade will meet for the 5:00pm mass followed by class on Sunday, January 10th.

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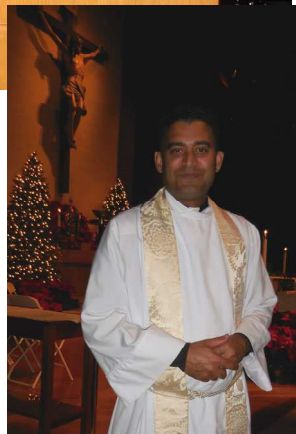
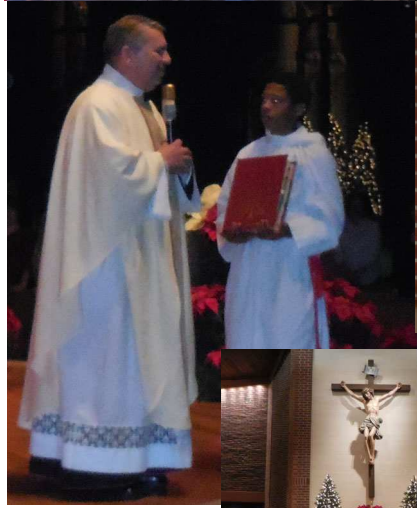
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CHRISTMAS 2015



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THURSDAY, January 14th 11:30am

MEMBERS \$ 13 GUESTS \$ 16

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Payment for February Day Trip to Mohegan Sun \$30 (separate check)

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NOTE: DEADLINE DATE - MONDAY, January 11th @ 11:00 AM

January Luncheon

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