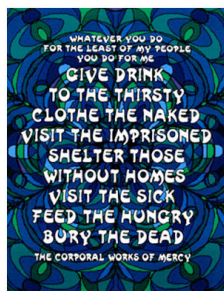


From the Pastor's Desk



Thank you to the 302 families from our parish who have already contributed to the 2011 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The success of the Appeal is enhanced by the number of parishioners who are aware of the tremendous impact which the Archbishop's Annual Appeal has made in the lives of so many people in need during the past twenty-five years. Through your generous gifts men, woman and children from our area are provided with shelter, clothes, and food. In addition, the Malta House of Care vans which are located in Waterbury, Harford, and New Haven, provide much needed medical care to those in need. Due to the difficult economic times in which we live, it has been necessary for us all to cut back and make sacrifices. Please give whatever you can to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal this year. A first time gift or just a onetime gift in whatever amount you can afford will help so many people in so many ways. To date \$46,539.00 has been raised of our established \$87,400 goal.

Parish Lenten Program - The 7 Corporal Works of Mercy



This Week - Care for the Sick

On Sunday, April 10th at 2 PM we will have a *Special Mass of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick*. Parishioners are asked to invite and provide transportation for individuals who are in need of the sacrament. A Reception will follow in the Father Blaney Room.

April 17 – Welcome the Stranger: A Parish Reception after all the weekend Masses will be held to welcome new parishioners to our St. Matthew family and to visit with old friends.

April 24 – Visit the Prisoners: “Care packages” and bibles will be collected for residents living in local half-way houses and prisons.

Raffle Tickets

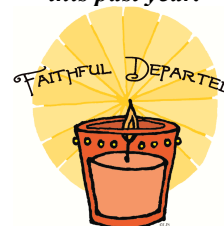
Raffle tickets are available *after Masses* or by calling Jeff Badal at 860-589-4002. Thank you for your continued support of this event.



Remembrance Mass April 3, 2011

2 PM

We pray for all those from Saint Matthew Parish who have died this past year.



Courtney Smith, Harry Yalanis, Jeffrey Pyzynski, Rudy Hudak, Paula Roy, Clarence Levesque, Leon Galske, Markie Mabel, Margaret Riquier, Yvonne Desrosiers, Brenda Hill, Rita Russell, Josephine Cianci, Theresa Brousseau, Bivo Pap Onofrio, Geraldine Peuetier, Claire Watson, Clarence Levasseur, James Gaughan, Travis Miller, Brenda Adamski, Gale Cyr, Marjorie King, Claudette Whear, Donna Stevenson, Margaret Brown, Bryan Delorenzo, Joseph Swenton, Paul Robideau, Wendy Dudek, Beth Cornell, Madeleine Caisse, Doris Markie, Jessie Parsons, Richard Beaupre, Robert Violette, Richard Duquette, Dolores Moore, Rita Gorneault, Laureat Michaud, Kathy Legere, Teresa Felice, Richard, Leona Draper, Westley Schilling, Maurice Quirion, Bertrand Cote, Ann Genovese, Ralph Lostocco, Irene Schilling, Geraldine Hebert, Raymond Roy, Anthony Bartucca, Henry & Helen Langer, Armand Bechard, Gerald & Geraldine Hebert, Agnes Gray, Henry Fiamengo, Richard Provost, Edward Gaughan, Jr., Loretta Olsen, Timothy Davenport, Pauline Yard, Frank Palazzo, Richard Lenke, Anne Divenere, Ralph Kemp, Barbara Reeve, Jody Marquis, Jessie Ackley, Frances Madej, Robert Schilling, Charles Beaulieu, Bruno Costantini, Rev. Brian Monnerat, Louis Deschenes, Raoul Roy, Millicent Danylow, Francis Lanza, Harold Bouchard, Edwin Whitney, Joseph Felice, Nazaire Blais, Bertrand Dumais, Frances Sullivan, Jesse Ashe, Richard Newcity, John DeAngelis, Gemma Fiamengo, Harold Roy, Ted Rameda, Ella Bard, John Halpin, William Dube, Morin Yvette, Gerald Cyr, Robert Green, Melinda Jakobowski, Frank Kasputis, Jacqueline Rubino, George Laflamme, Mitchell Bachman, Patrick Keniry, Robert Dural, Thomas Carlson, Laurine Casey, Joseph Ochal, Jr., Joseph Kozikowski, Jessie Plominski.

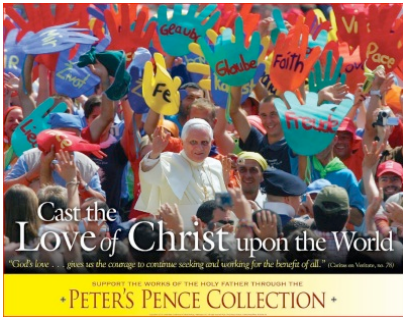


Pastor's Dinner Update

There will be a meeting of all Table Captains for the Pastor's Dinner on *Sunday, April 10, in the Father Blaney Room* beginning at 7 PM. Any parishioner who would like to serve as a Table Captain is invited to attend this organizational meeting with Monsignor Ginty. The Pastor's Dinner is scheduled for Sunday October 2, 2011 at the Aqua Turf.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Peter's Pence Collection



Each year in all the churches throughout the world a collection is taken up to help the Holy Father in his role as Universal Pastor and Vicar of Christ. Your financial support of the Annual Peter's Pence Collection provides Pope Benedict XVI with the assistance he needs to carry out his most important charitable works of humanitarian aid. From AIDS Centers in Kenya to the newly built St. Vincent de Paul Hospital in war torn Bosnia, the proceeds from this collection help the Holy Father respond to the ongoing needs of the world community. Through your generosity to the second collection next weekend, Pope Benedict can "cast the love of Christ upon the world." Please be as generous as you can.



Guild of the Blessed Sacrament

On **Friday, April 8th** we have a Bus Trip to Foxwoods. Call Diana Malena @ 860-585-9331

On **April 12th** meeting at 7 PM for the Nominating Committee and at 7:30 for the Executive Board.

On **April 20th** the Shawl Ministry Meeting will be held from 12:30-2:00 PM in the Resource Center.

On **April 26th** the invited speaker is David Oakes from Bristol Public Works.

Regular Meetings are held the 3rd **Wednesday** of each month at 7:30 in the Resource Center.

April 30th is the deadline for the Scholarship Award.

Readings for the Week of April 3, 2011

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

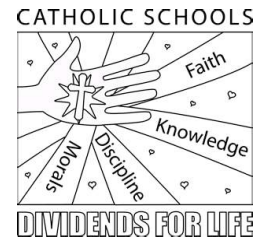
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

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

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45



St. Matthew School

Spring Open House

Wednesday, April 27th
10:00 AM in the School Library

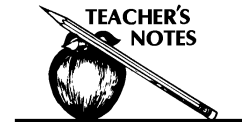
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*After School Care until 5:30 P.M.

Please call today to sign up for our
Spring Open House
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K The Kinders enjoyed an in school field trip, learning about the ocean and some of the animals that live in that environment. They loved doing the experiments and had a great time!

1 First graders are learning the value of coins and counting money.

2 - Second graders are reading biographies on Ellen Ochoa, Pres. Roosevelt and Wilma Rudolph.

3 - Third grade enjoyed an in school field trip, learning about matter. The children had a great time!

4- Fourth grade enjoyed an in school field trip, learning about matter. The students had a great time!

6- Sixth grade is working on weather reports by answering questions about what makes their storm different from the others.

7-The Seventh Grade has been learning about President Andrew Jackson and the history of the "Jacksonian Era".

Join the Fun at New Britain Stadium



On **Saturday, April 16th** come see St. Matthew's cheerleaders perform on the field prior to the start of the game at 6PM. Listen to our school's students sing the National Anthem and then enjoy the Rock Cats as they take on the Portland Sea Dogs at 6:30. Hope to see you there!



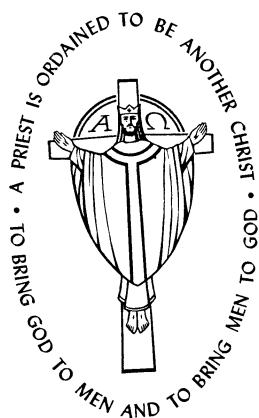
Pray for our Military Personnel

especially those currently involved in hostilities around the world:

Bowe Bergdahl, Ben Brown, Jonathan Campbell, Dana Corriveau, Patrick Dedham, John Hinrichs, Ron Kolpak, Jordan L'Heureux, Joshua Leahy, Melissa Manseau, Ian Norton, Ken Pfeiffer, Christopher St. George, Alyssa Ulrich, Paul Vicinus, Richard Zanetti, and Keith Zanetti.



Father Arthur Audet, Carol Babine, Charlotte Blanchard, Jean Blais, Jamie Botteon, Al Botteon, Jeannine Bouchard, Albert and Josephine Camerato, Rejeanne Cormier, Connie Czaplinski, Larry Desimone, Claudette Desprey, Florence Dlugosz, Gracie Dory, Jillian Duffy, David T. Faitani, Gail Faitani, Joseph Ferraro, Tom Filippetti, Frank Foligno, Betty Franklin, Robert Gibson, Doris Gonya, Jeanne Graham, Cameron Greenwood, Edmund Harkey, Margaret Hennessey, Maureen Hennessey, Linda Hill, Rose Ingham, Jonathan Julia, Rose Kozikowski, Joan Lafountain, Vincent Laudano, Thomas Leahy, Daniel Long, Al McCue, Helen Mantie, Bertrand Marquis, Peggy Montello, Jane Moore, Jessica Mussell, Kathy Narcum, Ed Nixon, David Parker, Philip Pelletier, Olga Peltzer, Dorothy Perkins, Chris Perotti, Wesley Phoenix, Beatrice Salvatore, Charles Schleicher, Marie Sebastian, Gloria Semplice, Robert Silva, George Simpson, Joseph Skelskey, George Simpson, Phyllis Spooner, William Stevens III, Elizabeth Stevens, Ethel Zanetti and Mandy Zanetti.



Pray for Vocations

Clear the mud from your eyes and see! The one who heals also calls to us to follow. Live your life as a witness to God's healing, saving touch. If you feel called to priesthood or religious life, call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary @ 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@stseminary.org or visit the web at www.vocationshartford.org.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon., April 4 St. Isidore, bishop & doctor of the Church

7:30 AM *Frank Junior Roco* by his mother
12:10 PM *Benjamin Rulkowski 10th Anniversary* by his family

Tues., April 5 St. Vincent Ferrer, priest

7:30 AM *Vincenzo Pascale* by The D'Amico Family
12:10 PM *George & Mary Gagnon* by their daughter

Wed., April 6

7:30 AM *Norman R. Cyr* by his wife & family
12:10 PM

Thurs., April 7 St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest

7:30 AM *Michael Gebrian* by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kowalczyk
12:10 PM *Michael Gebrian* by The Provencal Family

Fri., April 8

7:30 AM
12:10 PM *Blanche Carlson* by The Provencal Family

Sat., April 9

8:30 AM *Irene Provost* by The Auclair Family
9:30 AM First Communion (School)
11:30 AM First Communion (Religious Ed.)
4:00 PM *John Gerzanich, Sr.* by the family

Sun., April 10 Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM *Ted Rameda* by Irene Rameda & Family
8:30 AM *Alma & Loran St. Denis*
10:00 AM *Oneil Baron* by his wife
11:30 AM *Geraldine Hebert 1st Anniversary* by her daughters & son



The LORD, my God lights up my darkness.

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in memory of *Maria Felice 19th Anniversary* by The Felice Family

Please call the rectory to have the Sanctuary Lamp or seven-day candle before the statue of Mary or Joseph lit for a loved one.