

DATE FOR CONFIRMATION



We have received notification from the Chancery Office that Bishop Christie A. Macaluso will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Matthew Church on **Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 11 a.m.** The Confirmation Ceremony will take place that day in the context of the Mass. We are honored to have Bishop Macaluso on this special day in the life of our parish. Please remember that each student must have completed all Archdiocesan and parish requirements before he/she can be confirmed.

Requirements for Sponsor Certificates

Parishioners who have been asked to serve as a Godparent for Sacraments of Baptism or Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation are obligated to fulfill the necessary requirements below. The applicant must:

1. Be 16 years of age or older.
2. Have received Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.
3. Be a registered member of St. Matthew Parish for **at least six months**. Former members of the parish must request their sponsor certificate from the parish that they are currently attending.
4. Attend Sunday Mass every week and use parish envelopes on a regular basis.

If married, the marriage must be canonically valid and recognized as such by the Roman Catholic Church. Catholics married outside the Church without the permission of the local bishop should contact their parish priest in order to assist them in having their marriage recognized by the church.



The Parish Family of St. Matthew expresses its deepest sympathy and prayerful support to the families of **Joan Mulligan, Robert Fanion, Joseph Hamernik and Barbara Hamel** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated recently.

The Epiphany of the Lord



The Feast of the Epiphany is traditionally celebrated in honor of Christ's birth, of the adoration of the Magi, and of the baptism of Christ—three manifestations of the Lord's divinity. On the Feast of the Epiphany, we commemorate the day on which the three wise men, Caspar, Melchoir, and Balshazzar, presented their gifts of **gold**, which represented the material or earthly world in which Christ would live; **frankincense**, which represented the spiritual or priestly life of Christ, and **myrrh**, which represented the suffering that Christ would have to endure in order for our salvation to be won.



2nd Banns

*Warren R. Sweet
and
Krista M. Kenney*



Father Brian Memorial Dinner Club

Monthly Drawings of **\$100** starting in January!!!

Dinner at the Aqua Turf Club on

Sunday, October 14th

Your choice of baked stuffed shrimp or
their famous prime rib

Cash prizes of **\$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100 and \$75**

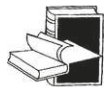
Raffle Prizes

Want to be a captain? You don't have a captain? No problem!! Contact one of the committee members. Sandy Romans at 860-582-1793, Sue Jones at 860-677-1063 or Donna Slusz at 860-589-4318.



Be a part of our Legacy!

St. Matthew School is currently selling tiles to adorn the hallways of our school when renovations are completed. The tiles are \$25.00 each and are on display in the front entrance of the church in the kiosk along with the order forms. Honor an alumni, a teacher, a student, one who has passed on, or someone who is your everyday hero or congratulations to the school for 50 years! Thank you for your support !



GOT BOOKS?

We're looking for your used paperbacks, hardcovers, cd's & dvd's, audio books and records. Simply collect what you're not using, come to the church parking lot and look for the Got Books Container (right next to the Boy Scouts trailers), deposit your items, and when we fill the container, St. Matthew School receives a check! A great way to recycle...and to help our school and our parish! Tell your friends and family...every little book helps!

*Thank***YOU**

**St. Matthew School
Car Raffle**

To all those that have already sold and returned their raffle tickets, thank you so very much for participating in this very special event in the celebration of St. Matthew's 50th Anniversary.

If you have not already handed in your raffle ticket stubs, please return them by February 20th in a sealed envelope to the attention of Tim Collins with a check made out to St. Matthew's HAS.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tim at 860-655-9529.



Come Join Us for Delicious Polish Food!

Our annual Polish Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 14, at 5 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets will be available at the rectory during business hours M-F. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children ten and under. Last year, over 300 parishioners attended this night of fellowship...come in from the cold for warm food and friendship! Any questions, please contact Chris O'Dell at 860-589-5512.

**OPEN
HOUSE**

St. Paul Catholic High School

Thursday, January 12, 2012

Tour Time: 7:00pm

The **Make-up Placement Exam** will be given **Saturday, January 21, 2012** at 8:00am at St. Paul Catholic H.S. for prospective grade 9 and 10 students who missed our first exam. Visit our website; **www.spchs.net** for more information.

Guild of the Blessed Sacrament

*We wish all of you a Happy and
Peaceful New Year!*

Please note the following dates in January for our next meetings.

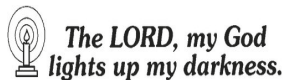
Tuesday, January 10, Executive Board, Resource Center, 7:30pm,

Wednesday, January 18, Shawl Ministry, 11:00am - 12:30pm, Resource Center

Tuesday, January 24, our Regular Meeting, 7:30pm, Resource Center.



Father Arthur Audet, Carol Babine, Mary Bailey, Charlotte Blanchard, Jean Blais, Jamie Botteon, Josephine Camerato, Rejeanne Cormier, Connie Czapinski, Claudette Desprey, Florence Dlugosz, Gracie Dory, David T. Faitani, Gail Faitani, Tom Filipetti, Betty Franklin, Robert Gibson, Doris Gonya, Jeanne Graham, Cameron Greenwood, Margaret Hennessey, Maureen Hennessey, Linda Hill, Rose Ingham, Jonathan Julia, Rose Kozikowski, Joan Lafountain, Thomas Leahy, Daniel Long, Al McCue, Helen Mantie, Bertrand Marquis, Jane Moore, Kathy Narcum, Ed Nixon, David Parker, Philip Pelletier, Dorothy Perkins, Chris Perotti, Wesley Phoenix, Jaimie Przygocki, Beatrice Salvatore, Charles Schleicher, Marie Sebastian, Gloria Semplice, Robert Silva, George Simpson, Joseph Skelskey, Phyllis Spooner, William Stevens III, Timothy Walsh, Ethel Zanetti, Mandy Zanetti, Anna Matthews, Phyllis Heath, Darrell Daigle, Michelle Bouchard, Kyle Errato, Donald Cyr, Margaret Follo, Janice Rivard, Natalie Cosman, Sherry Gillette, Amelia Mahar, Theresa Cyr, Shirley Andrew, Betty Sherman, Judith Ackley, Joy Adamski, Verna Bouchard, Wilma Matulka (Sister Regina's mother), Peter Palmisano, Richard Lissy, Margaret Bazzoni, Herman Desprey, Priscilla Jandreau, Barbara Arute and Bill Doty.



The **Sanctuary Lamp** is burning this week in honor of

Joseph Felice (1st Anniversary)

By his wife, Florence

The seven-day candle before the statue of **Mary** is lit as a Prayerful vigil for

Anthony Aspromonte (8th Anniversary)

By Lucy and Rosemary

The seven-day candle before the statue of **Joseph** is lit as a prayerful vigil for

Clarence Levasseur

By his 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.

 **Mass Intentions**

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| Saturday
4:00 | January 7th
Norma and Sebastian Amenta and Donna Michaud by Anne Marie and Family |
| Sunday
7:00
8:30
10:00 | January 8th
Nancy Urso by the Coughlin Family
Elena Sone by her family
Albert Mielanczuk by the Kretsch Family |
| 11:30 | Ernest Maynard (14 th Anniversary) by Jean and Richard Maynard |
| Monday
7:30 | January 9th
St. Matthew Parishioners living and deceased |
| Tuesday
7:30 | January 10th
Daniel Thibeault by the Quintin Family |
| Wednesday
7:30 | January 11th
Ava Billups by a friend |
| Thursday
7:30 | January 12th
Russell Ouellette by his mom and dad |
| Friday
7:30 | January 13th
Mary Savio by Michelle Crowley |
| Saturday
8:30
4:00 | January 14th
Jane Kinney by her husband and family
Harold Martin by his wife, Reine and Daughter, Jocelyne |
| Sunday
7:00
8:30
10:00 | January 15th
Henry Fiamengo by his wife and children
Stanley (Buzz) Barton by his family
Obtaining a favor from the Virgin Mary for Raoul Pelletier by his wife and children |
| 11:30 | Carlton L. Lumbard (3 rd Anniversary) by his wife, Barbara, children and grandchildren |

Readings for the Week of January 8, 2012

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| Sunday: | Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 |
| Monday: | Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39 |
| Thursday: | 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45 |
| Friday: | 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12 |
| Saturday: | 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17 |

St. Matthew

Acct: 03-0449