

From the
Pastor's Desk



This past Tuesday evening, Auxiliary Bishop Christie Macaluso conferred the Ministry of Acolyte upon Rich Wisniewski a member of our parish who is preparing for ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. The ceremony took place in the chapel of the St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. The word 'acolyte' comes from Medieval Latin, acolytus, which means 'attendant' or 'follower.' An acolyte is someone who assists the bishop or priest in the Catholic liturgical services. By the formal institution to the Ministry of Acolyte, a candidate is officially instituted into the Ministry of Acolyte and commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (cannon 910, § 2) to give Holy Communion to the faithful and to the sick.

The Main focus of this important ministry is that the functions of an acolyte bring the candidate into a closer relationship with the liturgical services of the Church, where they give glory to God and which lead them to the ministry of service to their brothers and sisters.

We congratulate Rich and his classmates on this special occasion and we look forward to their ordination to the Permanent Diaconate on June 2, 2012 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

Monsignor Thomas M. Ginty



Advent Night of Reflection

Today we begin four weeks of Advent. Next Monday evening, December 5th at 7pm we are honored to have Deacon Robert Pallotti of the Office of the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Hartford leading us in an evening of Advent Prayer. The theme this year for the Advent Night of Reflection is "Advent of the Approaching God: A call to Build a World that Respects Life." Come join us for a wonderful night of reflection and music. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



The Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath plays a prominent role in the celebration of this special liturgical season. Each Sunday during Advent a candle is lit on the wreath anticipating the Second coming of Jesus Christ. Three of the candles are violet in color, which emphasizes the penitential nature of the season. The fourth candle is rose and is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent. At each of the Masses during the Advent Season a family from our parish will be invited to light the candles on the Advent Wreath.

Saturday, November 26th

4:00pm The Delfino Family
Lynn, Julie, Anna and Grace

Sunday, November 27th

- 7:00 The Wisniewski Family
Rich, Maryann, Stacey,
Julia and Elizabeth
- 8:30 The Patterson Family
Mike, Carrie, Abigail, Meagan, Michael
- 10:00 The Crowley Family
John, Michelle, Bella, Jack and Luke
- 11:30 The Ulrich Family
Joseph and Judy



We welcome into the faith community of St. Matthew Parish

*Jazlynn Marie Cuero
and
Tatianna Cuero*

Wedding Banns

3rd Banns

Stanley C. Greger and Lynne A. Lausier

Advent Giving



14th Annual St. Matthew School HSA Craft Show

St. Matthew Schools HSA Craft Show will be held on **Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 8:30am to 4:00pm**. We are looking for donations of handcrafted items for the Friends of St. Matthew table. Donations may be dropped off at the school office during school hours. We will also be looking for high school helpers to work that day who may need community service hours. Please direct questions to Sally at 860-583-6582.

The Advent Season is here. We will have index cards in the front of the church on the weekends of November 26th and 27th and December 3rd and 4th and with gift request for those who are experiencing difficult times during this period of economic and financial complexity. We ask that the gifts be returned no later than Sunday, December 11th. We can all help to give a much happier Christmas by meeting these requests. We are asking the parishioners to select an index card, purchase the gift, and bring the gift(s) to the Father Blaney Room in the back of the church. Please DO NOT purchase gift cards, a present is really fun to open! There will be volunteers there to accept your gifts on the following schedule:

Saturday, December 3rd from 3:30-4:00

Sunday, December 4th from 7:30-11:30

Saturday, December 10th from 3:30-4:00

Sunday, December 11th from 7:30-11:30

The gifts received will be distributed to nine different agencies. We hope to help bring a bit of cheer to those who may not have a very Merry Christmas this year.

Guild of the Blessed Sacrament

December 3, *St. Matthew School HSA Craft Show*. We need volunteers who can spend 1 or 2 hours of their time selling “**Heavenly Spices**” at the Guild’s booth. These spices have been supplied to us by the nationally-known and renowned *Nutmeg Spice Company* (our own Natale Barrett).

Call Peg Bonola @ 860-89-3416 and give her your name.

Tuesday, December 6, is our next Regular Meeting. Deacon Andy Cravahlo is our guest speaker and will talk about “*Mary, Our Lady of Service.*” Please don’t forget gifts for our two seminarians.

BUS TRIP to La Salette Shrine. We still have tickets for this bus trip. The cost is only \$40/ pp and includes motorcoach, Christmas Fair, 3pm Father Pat concert followed by 4pm mass, Gift Shop, and thousands of Christmas lights turned on at 5:00pm. Call Diane Malena @ 860-585-9331.

Children’s Liturgy

The Children’s Liturgy is held on Sundays at the 10:00am Mass.

We are looking for at least two more adults and two more high school students to help out one or two Sundays each month during the 10:00am Mass. We meet through May. If interested please contact Carrie Patterson at 860-314-2954.

Advent Wreath

It is not too late to sign up to light the Advent candles at Mass during one of the remaining weeks of this holy period preceding the birth of Christ. Those interested in participating in the lighting ceremony are asked to fill in the box below and drop it off at the rectory or put it in the collection basket.

Advent Wreath - Lighting of Candles

Time of Mass: (Circle)

4:00pm Vigil 7:00am 8:30am 10:00am 11:30am

Date Preferred: (Circle)

Nov. 26-27 Dec. 3-4 Dec. 10-11 Dec. 17-18

Family Names:

Telephone: _____



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, Jillian Duffy, David T. Faitani, Gail Faitani, Tom Filipetti, Frank Foligno, 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, Jessica Mussell, 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 and Wilma Matulka (Sister Regina's mother).

Here at St. Matthew Church

To Register at St. Matthew Parish, please pickup a Census Registration form at the church entrance, print it from our web site homepage, or visit the rectory. Complete it, drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the rectory. We will add you to our database. The offertory envelope company will add you to the master mailing list. Registration is needed to arrange Baptisms, Marriages, enroll in Religious Education classes, and to obtain sponsor certificates for Baptism and Confirmation.



**The LORD, my God
lights up my darkness.**

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

Edward Petke

By his wife, Lucille

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.



- Saturday November 26th**
4:00 Alma and Loran St. Denis
- Sunday November 27th**
7:00 Living and deceased parishioners of St. Matthew Parish
8:30 Louise V. Capeland by Anthony and Carolyn DeThomas
10:00 Louis and Rose Dugo by their family
11:30 Ted Rameda by Irene Rameda and Family
- Monday November 28th**
7:30 Living and deceased parishioners of St. Matthew Parish
- Tuesday November 29th**
7:30 Living and deceased parishioners of St. Matthew Parish
- Wednesday November 30th**
7:30 Robert Degnan (2nd Anniversary) by his wife and family
- Thursday December 1st**
7:30 Living and deceased parishioners of St. Matthew Parish
- Friday December 2nd**
7:30 Helen Dubiel by Eleanor Saturno
- Saturday December 3rd**
8:30 Frank Faryniarz by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Procko
4:00 Ann Romans by Susan and Stephen Jones
- Sunday December 4th**
7:00 Henry Fiamengo by his wife and children
8:30 Alfred and Rose Gaulin and Connie Gaulin Balcher by their family
10:00 Eugenia and John Czertak by their family
11:30 Judith Pelletier by her family

Readings for the Week of November 27, 2011

- Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37
- Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8