

# ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## MUSIC MINISTRY

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil ..... Saturday, 5:30 pm

Sunday ..... 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

### Daily

Monday, Tuesday, Saturday ..... 8:00 am

Wednesday ..... 6:30-8:00 pm

Thursday ..... 6:30 am

Friday .....

## CONFESSIONS

*Normally heard at the following times:*

Monday ..... after 8:00 am Mass

Tuesday ..... after 8:00 am Mass

Wednesday ..... 7:00 pm

Thursday ..... after 6:30 am Mass

Friday ..... 7:00 pm

Saturday ..... 4:30 pm

***Exceptions to this schedule  
are noted inside the bulletin.***

### ***Please note:***

*Confessions will be heard until the line of penitents ends, or until 5 minutes before Mass begins - whichever comes first - so please arrive for confession promptly. Confessions are not heard after evening Masses.*

## PARISH REGISTRATION

All Catholics residing within our parish boundaries (Parish Office will clarify, if needed) should register as soon as possible.

## BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office; parish registration is required.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Please contact the Parish Office. Six Months of preparation are required before the marriage celebration. Parish registration required (packets are available in church vestibule).

## SPONSOR LETTERS

Please contact the Parish Office for letters of qualification to act as sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation. Registration in the parish and regular practice of the Faith are among the qualifications required. Letters should be requested in a timely manner.

## GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Ministry to the infirm/ homebound. Please call the Parish Office to arrange visitation of the elderly, the sick or the homebound.

## SAINT MATTHEW THRIFT STORE (Breezewood Shopping Center)

Address: 10639 Courthouse Road • Telephone: 540-834-2479

*Volunteers and donations of clothing, household items and furniture needed on a continuing basis.*

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Saint Faustina Conference

**SvDP Hotline:** 540-834-5555

*Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Mark McDougal, 540-850-0226.*

**AFTER HOURS PRIEST EMERGENCY TELEPHONE:** 540-498-3170

# FEBRUARY 19, 2012 ☞ 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASSES

Mon (02/20)	8:00 AM - BRYCE WITTIG
Tues (02/21)	8:00 AM - STEAD FAMILY
Wed (02/22)	8:00 AM - JOHN BERNARD + 7:30 PM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
Thu (02/23)	6:30 AM - PHYLLIS MAHONEY +
Fri (02/24)	7:30 PM - PAUL BROWN
Sat (02/25)	8:00 AM - BRUNACCI FAMILY 5:30 PM - JOSEPH COLL
Sun (02/26)	8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S 9:30 AM - CAROL MAURO 11:00 AM - BERNARD FAMILY

## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (02/18-02/19) 1) Regular

Next weekend (02/25-02/26) 1) Regular  
2) Black & Indian Missions

Please remember that second collections, when scheduled, are taken up after Communion. All registered households should be receiving packets of collection envelopes in the mail every month. If you are not receiving envelopes, please call Jane at the parish office (540-582-5575).

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

**Last weekend's First Collection amounted to \$11,985. Thank you!** In order to meet our Parish's operating expenses and save for future projects, **the First Collection should bring in at least \$10,500 every weekend.**

Please keep in mind that the First Collection at Sunday Mass, funds all operating expenses of your parish, including salaries, utilities and administrative needs.

The Lord asks us to spend at least one hour a week with Him at Mass; can your household contribute at least one hour's income per week to the support of your Parish? Please use your collection envelopes every weekend or contribute through **Online Giving** via our parish website:

**[www.stmatthewspensylvania.org](http://www.stmatthewspensylvania.org)**

Thank you for your continued support, and please pray that all parish households will generously support St. Matthew's.

***As in years past, letters with total year end contribution amounts will be sent to those people who mail their requests to the Parish Office with a stamped return address envelope.***

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank all the parish households that have responded so generously to this year's **Bishop's Lenten Appeal**. As Bishop Loverde said in his recorded message, your support of the appeal will enable our diocesan church to develop its programs and ministries and reach out to many people who stand in need of compassion and help. If your household has not yet made a pledge of support, please consider doing so—extra pledge cards are available in the vestibule of the church.

Through the help of God's grace, may we all grow in faith, hope, and love during the holy time of Lent, which begins this week. Please keep the **special Lent, Holy Week and Easter information sheet** (inserted with this bulletin) in your homes to keep track of all the opportunities for spiritual growth right here in our own parish during the coming weeks.

**Yours in Christ,  
Father Eversole**

## "The Light is On For You"

As in prior years, our diocese will collaborate with the Archdiocese of Washington in 2012 for the Lenten initiative, "The Light is On for You". Each parish will offer the **Sacrament of Penance on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. during Lent.**

## LENT BEGINS

This Wednesday, **Feb, 22nd is ASH WEDNESDAY. Masses and ashes will be at 8:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. A Scriptural Service with ashes will be held at 12:00 noon.**

Ash Wednesday is a day of **Fast & Abstinence**: all Catholics, age 18-59 are to eat no meat and to limit themselves to 1 full meal and 2 smaller meals during the day. No meat is to be eaten on Fridays throughout Lent.

Please join us on Friday evenings throughout Lent, (**excluding** Good Friday), for Stations of the Cross and soup suppers.

The **Lenten Soup Suppers** will take place in the St. Joseph Parish Center, **beginning this Friday, Feb. 24 at 5:45 p.m.** and will end at **6:45 p.m.** Our soup supper this Friday is being hosted by the **Knights of Columbus. All are welcome!**

The **Stations of the Cross** will be held each Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) in the church, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard at 7:00 p.m., also, followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 7:30 p.m.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



### Religious Education:

02/21 & 02/22 No RE Classes

02/28 & 02/29 Lesson 15: Paul Returns to Jerusalem

### Junior High Events



**Night at the Theatre**  
Saturday, March 3, 2012  
6:20-10:00 p.m.



**Lenten Soup Supper:**

We will be hosting the Lenten Soup Supper on Friday **March 9th**. We will set up, serve and clean up for the event.



**Tuesday, February 21, 2012**  
6:00-7:30 p.m.

The entire parish is invited to our **Mardi Gras Dinner and Concert**. Come enjoy Gumbo, Pulled Pork BBQ, and our local Blue Grass Band, Sonrise. This is a benefit for the Sagamatha Children's Home. There is no cost for the dinner, but donations will gladly be accepted.

Peace of Jesus Christ,  
Joanne Warren

## MUSIC NOTES

**St. Matthew Family Choir** is a spiritual study through music. Rather than thinking of it as an obligation where you have to expend energy, why not look at it as an opportunity to be comforted, encouraged, and informed about our faith through the music we make for church? Tenors and altos are still needed, and all voice parts are welcomed. The Family Choir rehearse on Sundays at 8 a.m. and sings at 9:30 a.m. Mass. The choir is preparing Mozart's *Requiem* for Palm Sunday evening to open Holy Week.



The children's choir meets on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Grades 2-12 are welcome! If your child would like to participate, please call Linda Long at the parish office 582-5575.

## FROM DEACON JOHN

This Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, begins our Lenten journey, a spiritual reawakening. One of the best ways to prepare for Our Lord's resurrection is through prayer. We are blessed here at St. Matthew's to offer **Catholic CD's** to help us grow stronger in our faith and to deepen our spiritual awareness. Take time to review our latest CD's that are geared toward our Lenten journey. Please leave your donation for these in the box provided by the pamphlet rack.

If you have suggestions for future CD's, please contact me at the parish office. May our Lord guide us in our Lenten journey.



**St. Joseph, Pray for us,  
Deacon John**

## TABLES OF EIGHT Last chance for sign up!

If you were out of town for sign-up, you may still have a chance to participate by calling Greg Cebula (540) 582-8541, **no later than 3pm on Monday, Feb. 20, 2012. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Watch for your letter to arrive later this week, assigning your table. Our initial reception and get-together for this session is scheduled for next Sunday, Feb. 26th at the Parish Center from 5:30-7:00 p.m. If you cannot attend this initial meeting, please contact the others in your assigned table to arrange your participation schedule.

**SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY AT THE RECEPTION!**

## SUNDAY READINGS FEBRUARY 26, 2012

**Gn 9:8-15**

**1 Pt 3:18-22**

**Mk 1:12-15**



## !!ATTENTION!!

**The Parish Office will be closed  
Monday, February 20, 2012  
In Observance of President's Day**



**We will resume normal hours at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21st. Please see bulletin cover for emergency priest contact information.**

