

The Parish of St. Matthew

La Parroquia de San Mateo



Ministry Booklet

El Libro del Ministerio



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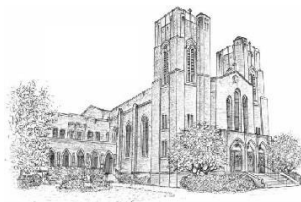


Diocese of Scranton Mission Statement

We, the Catholic community of the Diocese of Scranton, are called through Baptism to imitate servant leadership of Jesus Christ. In union with Our Holy Father, the Pope, we proclaim the Gospel faithfully, celebrate the sacraments joyfully, and boldly promote life, justice, and peace in northeastern and north central Pennsylvania.

Misión de la Diócesis de Scranton

Nosotros, la comunidad católica de la Diócesis de Scranton, estamos llamados por el Bautismo a imitar el liderazgo de servicio de Jesucristo. En unión con nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa, proclamamos el Evangelio con fe, celebramos los sacramentos con alegría, y prometemos la vida, justicia, y paz con fuerza en nororiental y norcentral de Pensilvania.



St. Matthew's Parish Mission Statement

The Parish Family of St. Matthew, East Stroudsburg, in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Scranton, endeavors to provide a welcoming environment to all. Guided by the Holy Spirit, through prayer and worship, and the sharing of our resources, we humbly strive to witness the Good News and to spread the Kingdom of God.

“As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he rose and followed him.” (Matthew 9:9)

Misión de la Parroquia de San Mateo

La familia parroquial de San Mateo en East Stroudsburg, situada en las montañas de los Poconos de Pensilvania y la Diócesis de Scranton, se esfuerza por proporcionar un ambiente acogedor para todos. Guiados por el Espíritu Santo, a través de la oración y la adoración, y compartiendo nuestros recursos, nos esforzamos humildemente por dar testimonio del Evangelio y difundir el Reino de Dios.

“Jesús, al irse de allí, vio a un hombre llamado Mateo en su puesto de cobrador de impuestos, y le dijo: ‘Sígueme.’ Mateo se levantó y lo siguió.” (Mateo 9, 9)

Our Personal Invitation

“For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them...” (Romans 12:4-6).



Lord, help me to do all that you ask, for as long as you ask, simply because you have asked it of me.

We, the members of St. Matthew's Parish are all servant leaders who strengthened by the Eucharist become stewards of all God has given to us. As faithful stewards we evangelize through our participation in Worship and Word so that we can offer our Service to our parish Community and to the broader Community as we humbly strive to

witness the Good News and to spread the Kingdom of God.

Please prayerfully consider how you will offer your gifts of time and talent as you read through this booklet and reach out to the contact person(s) or complete the tear-off to help in our parish mission to spread the Kingdom of God through Worship, Word, Service and Community.

Nuestra Invitación Personal

"Porque, así como en un solo cuerpo tenemos muchos miembros con diversas funciones, también todos nosotros formamos un solo Cuerpo en Cristo, y en lo que respecta a cada uno, somos miembros los unos de los otros. Conforme a la gracia que Dios nos ha dado, todos tenemos aptitudes diferentes..." (Romanos 12,4-6)

Señor, ayúdame a hacer todo lo que me pidas, mientras me lo pidas, simplemente porque me lo has pedido.

Nosotros, los miembros de la Parroquia de St. Mateo, somos todos líderes servidores que, fortalecidos por la Eucaristía, nos convertimos en administradores de todo lo que Dios nos ha dado. Como administradores fieles, evangelizamos a través de nuestra participación en la Adoración y la Palabra para que podamos ofrecer nuestro Servicio a nuestra comunidad parroquial y a la comunidad en general mientras nos esforzamos humildemente por dar testimonio del Evangelio y difundir el Reino de Dios.

Considere en oración cómo ofrecerá sus dones de tiempo y talento mientras lee este libro y se comunica con la(s) persona(s) de contacto o completa el corte para ayudar en nuestra misión parroquial de difundir el Reino de Dios a través de la Adoración, Palabra, Servicio y Comunidad.



Message from our Pastor, Fr. Don:

Welcome to St. Matthew's Parish!

We are a diverse, welcoming, and faith-filled community located in the heart of East Stroudsburg, PA. Our mission statement calls us to live our Catholic faith in an intentional and generous way: 'Guided by the Holy Spirit, through prayer and worship, and the sharing of our resources, we humbly strive to witness to the Good News and to spread the Kingdom of God.'

We welcome you and invite your active participation in the life and ministry of our parish family. This booklet is provided for you to understand how we strive to live our mission. You will find important information regarding the day-to-day experience of our parish as well as ministry options for your consideration. We hope you will share your gifts and talents to help strengthen our parish life and enhance your commitment to intentional and missionary discipleship.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Again, in the name of our parish family of St. Matthew's, Welcome!

Peace,
Fr. Don

Un Mensaje de Nuestro Pastor, Padre Don:

¡Bienvenidos a la Parroquia de San Mateo!

Somos una comunidad diversa y llena de fe que da la bienvenida a todos en el corazón de las montañas de East Stroudsburg, PA. Nuestra misión nos dice que vivamos nuestra fe católica de manera intencional y generosa: "Guiados por el Espíritu Santo, a través de la oración y la liturgia, y compartiendo nuestros recursos, queremos caminar en humildad para dar testimonio de la Buena Noticia y hacer crecer la Reino de Dios.

Les damos la bienvenida e invitamos a su participación activa en la vida y ministerio de nuestra familia parroquial. Este libro se te da para que entiendas cómo nos esforzamos por vivir nuestra misión. Encontrará información importante sobre la experiencia diaria de nuestra parroquia, así como opciones de ministerio para su consideración. Esperamos que comparta sus dones y talentos para ayudar a fortalecer nuestra vida parroquial y mejorar su compromiso con el discipulado intencional y misionero.

Si usted tiene preguntas, por favor, póngase en contacto conmigo. Y en el nombre de esta comunidad de fe, "¡Bienvenidos!"

Paz,
Padre Don

Ministries of Worship

The Ministries of Worship offer opportunities to serve in the spiritual and prayer dimension of the parish. In Worship and Prayer, the following ministries humbly serve the community of God:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Coordinator's Name(s): Deacon Kevin Scheirer and Lisa Knaak

Contact Information: Deacon Kevin Scheirer email: Deaconscheirer@gmail.com

Lisa Knaak email: raklmk@ptd.net; Phone: 570-992-1670

Meeting Times / Date / Place: Meetings are reserved for instructional updates and training as needed.

Description: The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion serves our community by sharing the Body and Blood of Christ with worshippers during weekend liturgies and daily mass if needed. Ministers are also needed to distribute the Eucharist to residents of nursing homes, the homebound and those in correctional facilities.

Help Needed: The parish needs additional active members for this ministry. Please speak to the Pastor if you are interested in serving.

Lectors / Commentators

Coordinator's Name(s): Bianca DeFrank

Meeting Times / Date / Place: You will be asked your mass preference times and a schedule will be run quarterly.

Contact Information: Bianca Cell: 570-269-3224 or email biancadedefrank@yahoo.com

Description: The ministry of lector is one of the most visible roles of service at liturgy. A lector, or reader volunteers to proclaim the scripture readings at all Masses. They should be comfortable standing before the congregation and proclaiming the scriptures.

Help Needed: We are looking for committed readers who will proclaim the Good News.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Coordinator's Name(s): Louise Zavertnik

Meeting Times / Date / Place: During 10:45am Mass

Contact Information: louisezavertnik@gmail.com



Description: Children ages 4-7 are encouraged to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word normally during the 10:45am mass following the Faith Formation schedule. CLOW provides children an opportunity to hear the word of God in an age-appropriate manner and to be introduced to the Mass in a more informal manner. CLOW leaders and catechists are needed to prepare a lesson and activity for children, as well as to supervise children until they return to parents.

Help Needed: Contact Louise if you are interested in becoming a CLOW leader / catechist.

Altar Servers

Coordinator's Name(s): Fr. Clarke

Contact Information: Email: frclarke@ptd.net

Meeting Times / Date / Place: Training sessions will be provided as needed. One hour of time is all that is required for a mass.

Description: All students that have received the sacrament of First Holy Communion and up to college age are eligible to serve. You will assist the priests at Masses and various liturgical services.

Help Needed: We are looking for committed and enthusiastic youth.

Adult Altar Servers

Coordinator's Name(s): Fr. Clarke

Contact Information: e-mail frclarke@ptd.net

Meeting Times / Date / Place: As needed to be instructed on how to serve.

Description: The adult altar servers assist at all funerals in our parish.

Help Needed: Adults will be called on a rotating basis from the volunteer list. We are thankful for everyone's service.



St. Matthew's Adult Choir and Cantors

Coordinator's Name(s): Ann Mullen

Contact Information: amullen1@verizon.net

Meeting Times / Date / Place: Thursday evenings 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Description: The adult choir sings at the 10:45 Mass on Sundays, and sings on special occasions, such as Christmas Eve, and the Holy Week celebrations.

Help Needed: We are always looking for new choir members. We would love to have anyone with a love of singing, and it would be an added bonus if you can read music, but it is not necessary!

St. Matthew's Young Adult Contemporary Youth Music Group

Coordinator's Name(s): Jenn Huntsberger

Contact Information: 570-460-3935 (call or text) email jymc942@yahoo.com

Meeting Times / Date / Place: Rehearsals are one Sunday a month from 4-5:15 p.m.

Description: The Contemporary Youth Music Group is open to any middle school, high school or college age young adult. We welcome singers, guitar players, bass players, piano players, and drummers.

The CYM Music Group is part of the celebration of the 6 p.m. Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, as well as our XLT adoration service that follows the 6 p.m. Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month. The CYM Music Group also performs at the parish festival and in a featured Christmas concert the Saturday before Christmas.

Help Needed: If you would like to explore modern Christian Rock music and be part of our Contemporary Youth Music Group, we would love to have you!

St. Matthew's Children's Choir

Coordinator's Name(s): TBA

Contact Information: TBA

Meeting Times / Date / Place: TBA

Description: This choir is composed of the children of our parish from preschool to middle school who enjoy singing.

Hospitality

Coordinator's Name(s): Victoria Armstrong

Contact Information: 570-460-7648; varmstrong@verizon.net

Meeting Times / Date / Place: To be announced as needed.

Description: The main goal of the hospitality ministers is to welcome parishioners and visitors to the Sunday liturgies and assist in giving information to attendees as needed. In addition, we provide hospitality for all special parish events as an outreach to our parish community. To foster fellowship, coffee and donuts will be provided in the parish center.

Help Needed: We need friendly volunteers to assist at the weekend liturgy as well as volunteers to assist with special parish events and coffee and donuts. You can be a hospitality minister at the weekend mass you attend. Please consider joining us!



Ushers

Coordinator's Name(s): Angelo Senese

Contact Information: 570-422-3322; asenese73@gmail.com

Meeting Times / Date / Place: To be announced as needed.

Description: Ushers will assist in greeting and seating people at Mass, directing movement around the church, arranging for procession of offertory gifts, and taking up the collections.

Help Needed: We need friendly and committed volunteers to assist at all weekend and holiday liturgies.

Our Lady of the Rosary Daily Prayer Group

Coordinator's Name(s): TBA **Contact Information:**

Meeting Times / Date / Place: We gather in church a half hour before the noon mass to recite Our Lady's Holy Rosary.

Description: Knowledge of reciting any of the mysteries of the rosary. Normally, each person is only responsible for leading one decade of the rosary.

Help Needed: Everyone is invited to participate in the recitation of the rosary and whoever is available to lead each decade is welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Coordinator's Name(s): Deacon Kevin Scheirer

Contact Information: deaconscheirer@gmail.com or inquire at the Parish Office

Times / Date / Place: In the church every Tuesday thru Friday from 12:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Description: Eucharistic adoration is a practice in which the Blessed Sacrament is adored by the faithful. This practice occurs when the Eucharist is exposed on the altar within the monstrance. Visiting the church during this time provides a quiet and peaceful opportunity to share your time with Jesus.

Help Needed: If you would like to be a Eucharistic Adorer, sign up for one hour each week, or contact Deacon Kevin. Our goal is to have at least two adorers for each hour. We are also in need of substitutes. Please consider joining us.

Lectio Divina

Coordinator's Name(s): Jean Lynch

Contact Information: 570-656-1994

Meeting Times / Date / Place: Thursdays at 6pm in St. Matthew's Center

Description: We practice Lectio Divina, a traditional monastic practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word, using the upcoming Sunday's gospel. Then we sit in silence for 20 minutes.

Help Needed: Everyone is welcome!



Ministries of Word

In Word through Study, the following ministries guided by the Holy Spirit witness the Good News:

St. Matthew's Baptismal Preparation Team

Coordinator's Name(s): Ramona & Joel Marte

Contact Information: ramona.hierro.09@gmail.com or 570-977-6376.

Description: All first-time parents are expected to participate in a baptismal preparation meeting. A team of parents will discuss ways they are living their responsibility as primary educators of their children in the ways of our faith at home, with regular participation in Sunday Eucharist and ongoing faith formation.

Help Needed: Married couples who are willing to share their family faith practices with new parents.

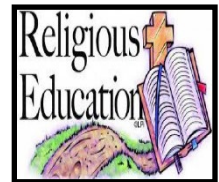
St. Matthew's Religious Education / Faith Formation Program for Youth (formerly CCD)

Coordinator's Name(s): Lisa Hoey and Kathy Coyle

Contact Information: e-mail: ccd1@ptd.net

Lisa Cell- (570)688-7396 Kathy Cell- (570)933-9145

Meeting Times / Date / Place: Our program never stops. It is a year-round program except for teaching which runs September - May.



Description: The goal of the Religious Education Program is to educate the youth of St. Matthew's Parish about the Catholic faith and prepare them to complete the Sacraments of Initiation to be full members of the Church and disciples of Christ.

As a program, we look for teachers and assistants to help us grow our Religious Education family and support the activities created for the program and parish. This is done through faith formation classes, family gatherings, prayer, and Vacation Bible School.

Help Needed: If you are interested in joining our team, please send an e-mail to ccd1@ptd.net, specifying your area of interest and supply your contact information.



St. Matthew's Middle School Youth Ministry

Coordinator's Name(s): Elsa Bordas

Contact Information: elsarbordas@gmail.com or 201-440-1413.

Meeting Times / Date / Place: Check the bulletin for meeting / activity dates and location.

Description: Young people of our parish in grades 6-8 are invited to participate in the Middle School Youth Ministry. Opportunities will be scheduled to gather informally to socialize, build community, break open the word, pray and get involved in service. This is in addition to our faith formation experience. Retreats and other events sponsored by the Diocese of Scranton will also be shared. This group is facilitated by a group of interested parents and young adults and supported by members of the high school youth ministry.

Help Needed: Adult volunteers, chaperones for specific events.



St. Matthew's High School Youth Group Ministry

Coordinator's Name(s): Ramona Marte & Ariette Escobar

Contact Information: campusministry@stmatthewspa.org Instagram:

stmatts_yg Instagram: stmatts_yg

Meeting Times / Date / Place: Check the bulletin, church website, and Instagram for meeting / activity dates and location.



1st Mondays: Youth Council Meeting @ 7:15pm in the St. Matthew's Center

Description: A ministry designed to help high school students deepen their faith with Jesus Christ and develop community with each other.

Help Needed: Meals/food for activities are always greatly appreciated. If any parents would like to be adult chaperones at these events, please contact Fr. Don or Ariette.



ESU & College Campus Ministry

Coordinator's Name(s): Ramona Marte

Contact Information: campusministry@stmatthewspa.org

Instagram: Instagram: esucatholicesucatholic

Meeting Times / Date / Place:

Monthly gatherings and activities. Dates are subject to change. Check the St. Matthew's bulletin, website, and Instagram for updates.



Description: A ministry provided for ESU & College students to grow in faith and participate in Parish life.

Help Needed: All ESU & College students are invited to attend the meetings and/or participate in the life of St. Matthew's.



Young Adult Ministry

Coordinator's Name(s): Tiffany (Clough) Busto

Contact Information: tiffany.clough@gmail.com or 845-926-8346.

Meeting Times / Date / Place:

Monthly gatherings and activities. Dates are subject to change. Check St. Matthew's bulletin, and website for updates.

Description: A ministry provided for Young Adults to grow in faith and participate in Parish life.

Help Needed: All Young Adults are invited to attend the meetings and/or participate in the life of St. Matthew's.

Adult Education & Faith Formation

Coordinator's Name(s): Mike Catrillo and Fr. Brian J.T. Clarke

Contact Information: catrillom@yahoo.com or 570-807-2994 call/text.

Meeting Times / Date / Place: Meeting dates vary depending on events but are planned for the first Wednesday at 6 pm. Email for specific calendar.

Description: The group will determine adult formation needs through a variety of methods and develop adult education and faith formation sessions to meet those needs. The group will facilitate the programs, plan events, and reach out to guest speakers as needed.

Help Needed: People are needed to brainstorm events, plan/run events such as book studies, topical classes, retreat days and retreat weekends. Members also research trends in Catholic adult education for application to the parish.

RCIA/ OCIA Ministry

Coordinator's Name: Deacon Kevin L. Scheirer

Contact Information: deaconscheirer@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office

Meeting Times / Date / Place: The process begins in September and ends at Pentecost. Classes are held after 10:45 am Mass. Other accommodation may be made available as needed.

Description: The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)/ Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** accompanies adults seeking full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. RCIA is for prospective converts to Catholicism above the age of 18. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. Also, RCIA is for baptized Catholics who need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.

Help Needed: Anyone interested in joining the team should contact Deacon Kevin.





Ministries of Service



Through Service, the following ministries reach out to all of God's people:

Pastoral Council

Coordinator's Name(s): Ann Catrillo

Contact Information: Ann Catrillo: Cell # 570-460-3326 (call or text); email: acatrillo@yahoo.com

Meeting Times / Date / Place: The council meets quarterly with additional meetings as needed in the Parish Hall.

Description: Members of the Pastoral Council agree to become servant leaders through prayer and service to the parish. The Council is a consultative body which advises the pastor in areas of pastoral concern. They are rooted in prayer, open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and committed to patient listening and study. They recommend directions that will enhance the quality of parish life and foster participation of the parish in the mission of the church.

Finance Council

Coordinator's Name(s): Fr. Don Williams

Contact Information: 570-421-2342, frdon@ptd.net

Meeting Times / Date / Place: Meetings are held quarterly.

Description: The Parish Finance Council serves as an advisory body to the pastor and the Parish Pastoral Council in the administration and stewardship of parish finances, budget, parish facilities and long-range financial development. Mandated by Canon Law, Parish Finance Councils are consultative bodies.

Bereavement Committee

Coordinator's Name(s): Teresa and James Crompton

Contact Information: home phone number 570-476-1440, cell number, 570-242-2195 text, or email... teresac2@ptd.net.

Meeting Times / Date / Place: When necessary for new information & updates.

Description: Members of the Bereavement Committee attend all funerals to support grieving family members and friends. They greet them at the door welcoming them to St Matthew's Church. They distribute funeral mass programs, answers questions and direct mourners as needed.

Help Needed: Two committee members serve at each funeral Mass; members are rotated as needed. Members are notified by phone for availability. Also, volunteers are needed to help coordinate the annual Mass of Remembrance in November to support families who have lost a loved one within the previous year.

St. Matthew's Homeless Ministry

Coordinator's Name(s): Lisa Hoey

Contact Information: Lisa's Cell: (570)688-7396, CCD1@ptd.net

Meeting Times / Date / Place: The Thursday dinner meal is prepared weekly by different ministries within our parish and the Saturday meals are prepared and served by parish volunteer teams from 12:30PM- 6:30PM.

Description: Saint Matthew's homeless ministry serves several needs in our community. We provide a Community Meal on Thursday evenings and on Saturdays we serve lunch and dinner. You can expect if you volunteer on Thursdays or Saturdays to help with preparing a meal, cleaning up after a meal, helping guests with paperwork, maybe playing a game of cards, or just offering some good old fashion fellowship.

Help Needed: If you would like to volunteer, please reach out via e-mail or phone. Please include your interest and contact information including e-mail address.

A second way that you could help the homeless ministry is to sponsor a meal. The cost of a meal each week is roughly around \$75.

A third way that you can help is to provide non-perishable "Lunch Bag" items. Peanut butter and jelly for sandwiches, granola bars, fruit cups, chips etc. We distribute a "Brown Bag" to the guests twice a week to give them food on the days that there is not a community meal.

St. Matthew's Food Pantry

Coordinator's Name(s): Joan Berdela

Contact Information: (570)421-2342. Ext.107

Meeting Times / Date / Place: We distribute food bags monthly and at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

Description: We help feed those in need in our community including parishioners, ESU students and our warming center guests. This is done by the generous donations of our parishioners and our partners in the ESU community.

Help Needed: Volunteers are needed for one hour a month.

Hospital and Homebound Visitation

Coordinator's Name(s): Michael & Ann Catrillo (Hospital Visitation); Deacon Kevin Scheirer (Homebound Visitation)

Contact Information: catrillom@yahoo.com, 570-807-2994; Deaconscheirer@gmail.com

Meeting Times / Date / Place: A schedule is made to accommodate the availability of our ministers and the needs of our hospitalized and homebound parishioners.

Description: This ministry provides parishioners with an opportunity to offer compassionate support to those who are homebound or hospitalized. At the present time, pastoral outreach has Ministers of Holy Communion whose primary effort is to bring the Eucharist to members of our parish community who cannot attend our Eucharistic celebration.

Help Needed: We ask all current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) to volunteer their time for this ministry and we ask all parishioners to prayerfully consider this ministry and contact us if you have an interest in serving in this way.

St. Matthew's Pro-Life Committee

Coordinators: Anthony Matrisciano

Contact Information: prolife18301@ptd.net

Meeting Times / Date / Place: Meetings are scheduled as needed, but ongoing pro-life activities take place monthly. Sign up for the pro-life mailing list and check the weekly bulletin for details.



Description: We support the Right to Life from conception until natural death. This witness to Life includes prayer, education, prevention, and resources to post-abortive women and men. We strive to educate hearts and minds with resources, important media, Church teaching, and policy platforms. We hope education ultimately leads to action.

Help Needed: Support of activities and general support for specific projects. More volunteers are always welcome in the quest to eliminate abortion and help pregnant mothers and their children. For additional information and to find out how you can help contact Gerry Burns.

Health, Welfare & Safety Committee

Coordinator's Name(s): Angelo Senese

Contact Information: asenese73@gmail.com

Meeting Times / Date / Place: TBA based on committee members availability.

Description: The HWS works to address the needs of St. Matthew's through data analysis and training of committee members and others with the goal of providing a healthy, safe environment for all to worship.

Help Needed: As recommended.

Building and Grounds

Coordinator's Name(s): Hernan Colon

Contact Information: Parish Office: 570-421-2342

Meeting Times / Date / Place: As needed.

Description: These volunteers take on the responsibility of caring for the physical buildings and grounds of our parish. Through regular inspections and recommendations, they provide the schedule of regular and preventive maintenance. They make recommendations for future repairs and improvements.

Help Needed: As recommended.



JOURNEY OF Faith Ministries of Community *JOURNEY OF Faith*

Through these events and organizations, these Ministries of Community strive to build the community of God:

50+ Club

Coordinator's Name(s): Judy & Jim Alfieri, Karen & Bob Voltz, and Karen Plank

Contact Information: Judy Alfieri 570-872-6623 and check info in the bulletin.

Meeting Times / Date / Place: Meetings are one Friday each month from 1-3. Dates & times are announced for day trips. Check the bulletin for updates.

Description: Anyone who is 50+ is invited to join other parishioners for fun times and fellowship. Bingo is held once a month and lunch is served for either one or two dollars and drinks, snacks and desserts are free. In addition to Bingo, trips are also planned for weekdays.

Help Needed: To coordinate and sponsor activities.

Knights of Columbus

Coordinator's Name(s): Mike Catrillo, Grand Knight

Contact Information: kofc11434@gmail.com

Meeting Times / Date / Place: The Knights meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm and the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:30 am. Meetings last about an hour. Meeting locations vary, check the weekly bulletin for more details.



Description: The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's service organization. We support St. Matthew's parish through fundraisers, helping with parish events providing spiritual support and fellowship for men of the parish. Our projects include the annual Christmas Eve luminary display, decorating the church for holidays, supplying manpower for the annual Parish Festival, and the Columbus Day Dinner in October. The Knights also contribute to numerous charitable causes.

Help Needed: All men of the parish are welcome and encouraged to join. Prospective members will need to contact the council or a current Knight to be considered for membership.

Men who join the council are expected to attend meetings when possible and to participate in and support council activities and fundraisers.



St. Matthew's Festival

Coordinator's Names: Kathy Coyle, Festival Co-Chair
Lori-Jo Yarosh, Festival Co-Chair

Contact Information:

Kathy: Cell # 570-933-9145 (call or text); Email: kath06051963@yahoo.com
LJ: Cell # 570-764-3590 (call or text); Email: ljyarosh@hotmail.com

Meeting Times / Date / Place: Planning for the festival begins in October. Our festival is typically the second full weekend of August. We “kick-off” the planning with our committees in January.

Description: St. Matthew's Festival is our parish's largest annual fundraiser. Traditionally, this is a three-day event. We welcome participation from all ministries and all parishioners. As a diverse and growing parish family, we hope to enhance, expand, and improve each year to make this event increasingly successful as a fundraiser, and as a community outreach event celebration.

Help Needed: In the months preparing for the festival, we need people to chair and build up the committees. Then volunteers are needed in various roles on the weekend of the festival. If you can help in any way, please contact one of the co-chairs.



Fundraising / Parish Community Events

Coordinator's Names: Kathy Coyle
Lori-Jo Yarosh

Contact Information:

Kathy: Cell # 570-933-9145 (call or text) Email: kath06051963@yahoo.com
LJ: Cell # 570-764-3590 (call or text) Email: ljyarosh@hotmail.com

Meeting Times / Date / Place: Generally, we have a planning meeting a few weeks before any fundraiser or parish community event.

Description: Throughout the year, smaller fundraisers, and parish community events, such as The Night at The Races, Trivia Night, and Paint & Sips, are planned. We attempt to coordinate these with all other ministries' events, so all parish activities are successful and well attended.

Help Needed: Depending on the event, kitchen help, sales, and promotions, set up and clean up are generally the areas where help is needed the day of the event. Events, with planning dates and times will be announced in the bulletin. All are welcome and encouraged to help.

We are always open to new ideas and suggestions. If anyone has any suggestions and would like to organize a fundraising event, please reach out to the coordinators or to your organization/ministry chairperson.

Baby & Me

Coordinator Names: Taylor Hoey

Contact Information: [ttoro1625@gmail](mailto:ttoro1625@gmail.com) or 570-878-3391

Meeting Times / Date / Place: Last Wednesday of the month in the parish hall from 10am-12pm

Description:

It's a space and time for parents or guardians who are at home with babies or toddlers not yet in school to come and interact with other members of our church community.

Help Needed: All are welcome to join in the fun!



Lay Carmelites

Coordinator Names: Gerry Burns, *Director*; Rita Scheirer, *Formation Director*

Contact Information: Gerry Burns gerry.burns.17@gmail.com (570) 424-2879.

Rita Scheirer rms5631@gmail.com (570) 350-7851

Meeting Times / Date / Place: The community meets in the St. Matthew's Parish Hall on the third Saturday of each month immediately following 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Description:

The Lay Carmelites share in the mission of the Carmelite Order. The call to Carmel is to seek God's will in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life. This roots a Lay Carmelite in a love of those with whom they live and work, in the search for God's presence in all circumstances and in solidarity with God's people everywhere. Lay Carmelites are people of prayer, people of community, and people of service.

Further information about the Lay Carmelites can be found at <https://www.laycarmelite.com/>

Help Needed: Please reach out to the contact people if interested.



Let Us Be Better Disciples and Stewards!

Stewardship Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives.

We are all called to be disciples of Christ! It is our Church, and because of our Baptism, we have a role to play in the proclamation of the Gospel and in the building of the Church.

The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, or environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian Life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship, and celebration (Pope Francis EG 28).



Please consider using your gifts and talents to continue to build the Church as an active volunteer.

Complete the following and bring it to the parish office or place in the Sunday collection.

Name:

Contact Information:

Ministry / Area to Join:

Liturgia (Liturgy)

Monaguillos

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): Diácono Luis Rivera

Información del Contacto: Celular (570) 994-3076, email: luisriveraofs@yahoo.com

Descripción: Todos los estudiantes que han recibido el sacramento de la Primera Comunión hasta la edad universitaria son elegibles para servir. El servicio del altar es una de las actividades litúrgicas más importantes para nuestros niños. Nuestro grupo tiene niños y niñas que quieren estar cerca del altar y servir la liturgia. Se les enseña tanto la misa más solemne como el servicio más sencillo.

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Reuniones según el tiempo litúrgico.

Servicio Litúrgico

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): Padre Sergio Pamplona

Información del Contacto: (570) 421-2342 ext. 111, email: sergisleo@gmail.com

Descripción: Lectores y Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión; no instituida por el obispo sino procedente de la comunidad y llamada a servir en la liturgia por el sacerdote; les han encomendado la responsabilidad de servir en la celebración de la Eucaristía.

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Reuniones 3 veces al año: Marzo-Julio-Noviembre

Música litúrgica (Coro)

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): Padre Sergio Pamplona

Información del Contacto: (570) 421-2342 ext. 111, email: sergisleo@gmail.com

Descripción: Nuestra música para la Celebración Litúrgica es un servicio totalmente gratuito como compartir talentos por amor a Dios. La formación y aprendizaje de la música litúrgica es constante y se basa en un ensayo semanal de los dos coros activos.

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Reuniones semanales

Hospitalidad

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): Padre Sergio Pamplona

Información del Contacto: (570) 421-2342 ext. 111, email: sergisleo@gmail.com

Descripción: El grupo de hospitalidad da la bienvenida al pueblo cuando se realiza una celebración litúrgica. Un grupo rotativo de hombres y mujeres sirven en nuestras Eucaristías antes de la misa y después de la misa.

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Reuniones 3 veces al año: Marzo-Julio-Noviembre

Administración (Stewardship)

Comité Hispano Central

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): Padre Donald J. Williams

Información del Contacto: 570-421-2342, email: rectory@ptd.net

Descripción: Comité central de todas las espiritualidades y grupos pastorales. También hay miembros que pertenecen a ella porque son parte del Comité de Finanzas y Consejo Parroquial; nos reunimos para planificar y ejecutar nuestras metas comunitarias y la integración parroquial.

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Primer Domingo de cada mes a las 3 pm.

Formación en la Fe (Faith Formation)

RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos)

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): Diacono Luis Rivera

Información del Contacto: Celular (570) 994-3108, email: luisriveraofs@yahoo.com

Descripción: Formación de Adultos en la Iglesia que tiene por objeto acompañar a las personas que han entrado en la iglesia, pero no han recibido la iniciación plena (Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía) o que no han sido recibidas en la iglesia y necesitan la iniciación plena.

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Domingos a las 3 pm.

Formación de Padres e Hijos

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): Jorge Roca

Información del Contacto: Celular (201) 724-9814, email: jorgearoca@yahoo.com

Descripción: Padres e hijos están reforzando lo que los niños reciben en la Formación de Fe. Esperamos poder brindarles a los padres las herramientas necesarias para comprender y participar en todo el proceso de Formación en la fe.

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Domingos a las 12 pm.

Grupo de Parejas

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): Jorge Roca

Información del Contacto: Celular (201) 724-9814, email: jorgearoca@yahoo.com

Descripción: La reunión de los esposos tiene como objetivo vivir más intencionalmente la vida familiar a la luz de Cristo. Hay un retiro cada año para renovar la alegría de la vida matrimonial y la renovación de votos cada año alrededor del 14 de febrero.

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Por lo general el 3er sábado del mes a las 7:30 pm en el Salón Parroquial.

Evangelización (Evangelization)

Misas en casa y Bendiciones en casa

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): María Magdalena Morocho

Información del Contacto: 570-426-8899

Descripción: Vamos a todas las casas que nos invitan y hacemos misa y/o bendición de la casa. La comunidad participa y compartimos como hermanos el don de nuestra comunidad. En cada casa se reza el rosario de lunes a jueves y en el último día se celebra una Eucaristía con todas las personas que la familia invite y su núcleo familiar.

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Una vez por semana a las 7:30 pm.

Grupo de Oración Carismático

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): Rosario Martinez

Información del Contacto: Celular (201) 668-9065

Descripción: Oración centrada en el Espíritu Santo y su acción en el creyente; con confianza en su acción oremos para que habite y viva en nosotros; la transformación de quien invita al Espíritu Santo en su vida.

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Todos los viernes a las 7 pm en la Iglesia.

Celebraciones Marianas

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): Comité Hispano/Padre Sergio Pamplona

Información del Contacto: (570) 421-2342 ext. 111, email: sergisleo@gmail.com

Descripción: Tenemos 10 celebraciones marianas en torno a nuestra devoción a Nuestra Madre María. Durante el año celebramos todas las devociones marianas presentes en nuestra comunidad y tanto mayo como octubre como meses muy especiales en nuestra devoción mariana con un rosario diario y todos los sábados un rosario de la madrugada. Entre este grupo de celebración tenemos la novena, antorcha, vigilia y misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y la novena, procesión y Misa de Nuestra Señora de la Nube.

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Fechas anunciadas en el boletín.



Retiros (Retreats)

Retiro Carismático De 3 Días

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): Rosario Martinez, Rafael Sánchez

Información del Contacto: Celular (201) 668-9065, email: rafasan62@hotmail.com

Descripción: Alrededor de febrero/marzo. Retiro de tres días para crecimiento espiritual y compromiso de servicio.

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Fechas anunciada en el boletín.

Retiro de Cuaresma y Adviento (un día)

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): Padre Sergio Pamplona

Información del Contacto: (570) 421-2342 ext. 111

Descripción: Retiro de un día con la intención de preparar a nuestra comunidad tanto para Navidad como para Semana Santa

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Fecha anunciada en el boletín.

Cursillo

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): Maria Vargas

Información del Contacto: Celular (347) 933-3230

Descripción: Tenemos nuestra Ultreya semanal los domingos a las 12:00 horas en la parroquia; y un Cursillo programado de cuatro días abierto a todas las parroquias hispanas.

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Fecha anunciada en el boletín.

Retiro de Emaús Hombres

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): Enrique Zapata

Información del Contacto: (570) 242-5815

Descripción: Programado para dos veces al año, el retiro de Hombres es entre Abril-Mayo y el Retiro de Mujeres es al comienzo del mes de Septiembre. Las reuniones son solo para periodos cortos de formación o planeación del retiro.

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Fecha anunciada en el boletín.

Retiro de Emaús Mujeres

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): Josie Kramer

Información del Contacto: 570-856-1149

Descripción: Programado para dos veces al año, el retiro de Hombres es entre Abril-Mayo y el Retiro de Mujeres es al comienzo del mes de Septiembre. Las reuniones son solo para periodos cortos de formación o planeación del retiro.

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Fecha anunciada en el boletín.

Retiro de Parejas

Nombre(s) del coordinador(es): Jorge Roca

Información del Contacto: Celular (201) 724-9814, email: jorgearoca@yahoo.com

Descripción: “La Felicidad La Gran Cosecha del Matrimonio” (dos de ellos realizados; cerca de 50 parejas han participado) y la segunda etapa de los retiros a programarse en el presente año.

Horas de Reunión / Fecha / Lugar: Fecha anunciada en el boletín.





Seamos mejores Discípulos y Administradores de la Gracia de Dios

Oración

Dios bondadoso y amoroso, comprendemos que nos llamas a ser los administradores de tu abundancia, los cuidadores de todo lo que nos has confiado. Ayúdanos siempre a utilizar tus dones con sabiduría y enséñanos a compartirlos generosamente. Que nuestra fiel administración sea testimonio del amor de Cristo en nuestras vidas.

Todos estamos llamados a ser discípulos de Cristo. Es nuestra Iglesia, y por nuestro Bautismo, tenemos un papel en la proclamación del Evangelio y en la construcción de la Iglesia.

La parroquia es la presencia de la Iglesia en un territorio determinado, o el entorno para escuchar la palabra de Dios, para crecer en la vida cristiana, para el diálogo, el anuncio, la caridad, el culto y la celebración. (Papa Francisco EG 28).

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

Considera usar tus talentos y dones para continuar la construcción de la Iglesia como un voluntario activo.

Completa el formulario que encuentras aquí y llévalo a la oficina parroquial o póngalo en la canasta de la colecta del Domingo.

Nombre:

Información de Contacto Telefónico e Email: Ministerio/Grupo/Organización:

Parish Information

Mass Schedule:

Monday – Friday	12:00 pm
Monday – Friday (Spanish)	8:00 am
Friday (Spanish)	6:30 pm
Saturday (Spanish)	7:00 am
Saturday	8:00 am & 4:00 pm Vigil
Sunday	8:00 am, 9:15 am (Spanish), 10:45 am, 12:15 pm, 2:00 pm (Spanish), 6:00 pm

All daily & weekend Masses are live streamed. Go to our website www.stmatthewspa.org and click on the YouTube icon.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Closed from 11:45-12:30 pm for Mass, Closed Thursdays

What Age to Register as an Adult:

When young adults finish formal education, high school or college, they need to register with the parish as adults.

Sacrament of Penance (Confession):

Confessions in Spanish on Fridays at 5:30 pm until 6:20 pm.

In English, Saturday after the 8 am Mass until 9:00 am and Saturday afternoon from 3:00 pm until 3:45 pm or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples contemplating marriage should contact the parish office at least six months before the date on which they wish to marry. This should be done before any other arrangements are made.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday through Friday from 12:30 pm until 6:00 pm. The Church is open daily for private prayer from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm.

In the Case of an Emergency:

Please call the Parish Office. If closed, listen to and follow the prompts to be connected to a priest. Emergencies are situations such as anointing when in danger of death.

Homebound / Hospitalized:

In need of Communion, Confession, or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.

Vocations:

Please contact Fr. Don or Fr. Clarke if you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, or marriage. Fr. Clarke is Assistant Vocation Director for the Diocese of Scranton.

Información de la Parroquia

La Misa:

Lunes – Viernes (inglés)	12:00 pm
Lunes – Viernes (español)	8:00 am
Viernes (español)	6:30 pm
Sábado (español)	7:00 am
Sábado (inglés)	8:00 am & 4:00 pm Vigilia
Domingo	8:00 am, 9:15 am (español), 10:45 am, 12:15 pm, 2:00 pm (español), 6:00 pm

Puede mirar cada misa por nuestro sitio de web: www.stmatthewspa.org.

O visite YouTube y busque “Saint Matthews East Stroudsburg”.

Horas de la Oficina Parroquial:

Lunes, Martes, Miércoles, Viernes: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm; Secretaria bilingüe de 9am – 2pm

Cerrado para la misa: 11:45-12:30 pm & cerrado cada jueves

Registración en la Parroquia como un Adulto:

Cuando los jóvenes terminan la escuela secundaria o los estudios a la universidad, ellos necesitan registrarse individualmente en la Parroquia como miembros.

Sacramento de Reconciliación:

Confesiones en español: Viernes 5:30pm hasta 6:20pm

En inglés: Sábado después de la misa de 8:00am; y también el Sábado a las 3:00pm hasta 3:45pm. O puedes hacer una cita con el sacerdote.

Sacramento de Matrimonio:

Parejas necesitan ponerse en contacto con la Parroquia o el sacerdote a menos seis meses antes de su fecha preferida.

Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento:

Martes – Viernes: 12:30 pm hasta 6:00 pm.

La Iglesia está abierta cada día para la oración privada a las 6:00 am hasta 6:00 pm.

En Caso de Emergencia:

Por favor, llames la Oficina Parroquial. Si está cerrada, escucha y seguir las instrucciones para hablar con un sacerdote. Emergencias son situaciones cuando un individuo necesita el sacramento de la unción de los enfermos o está cerca de la muerte.

Del Hogar o del Hospital:

Si necesitas la Eucaristía, la unción de los enfermos, o confesión, llamas la Oficina Parroquial.

Vocaciones al Sacerdocio o Vida Religiosa:

Habla con Padre Don Williams o Padre Brian Clarke si está discerniendo una vocación al sacerdocio o la vida religiosa. Padre Clarke es un director asistente en la Oficina de Vocaciones en la Diócesis de Scranton.

Parish Staff Contact Information

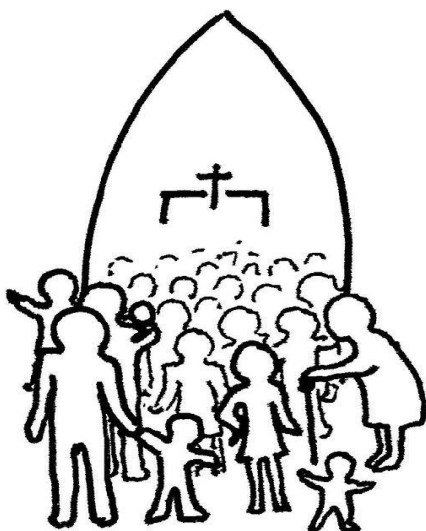
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