

Church of St. Matthew

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While they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them.

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

Liturgy Schedule

Masses in church are cancelled until further notice.

Mass will be streamed at 10:15 Sunday

Thank you.

Reconciliation

Cancelled until further notice

Prayer Line 651.457.0228

Readings for the week of April 26, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." As Christian stewards, we know our lives are a sojourn towards the ultimate destination of heaven.

Our Gospel passage today describes the sojourn of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. They knew Jesus personally. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered the empty tomb of our Lord and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. They had been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported.

How much more obvious could the Good News be?

And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples describes our own stewardship journey, doesn't it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, the support of our parish family. Yet, we often lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God.

But notice what happens to the two men when eyes are opened once again and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — the "breaking of the bread." They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them. When we find we have lost our way, we can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

- *The Catholic Steward*

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Mary Leibl,
Volunteer
Coordinator

Volunteer Opportunities & Parish Needs

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"
Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Due to the Coronavirus, our volunteer opportunities are limited!

WEBMASTER Seeking a volunteer admin and content manager for the st-matts.org website. Requires experience with WordPress. Main duties are posting weekly bulletins and inserts and monthly calendar. May also involve cross-posting blog articles to our Facebook page.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Eventually we will be able to resume worshipping in church. We will need volunteers to serve as Lectors and as Eucharistic Ministers at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass. Will train.

I invite anyone who could help with these volunteer opportunities to contact me through the parish office or email me at mleibl@st-matts.org

WEEKLY COLLECTION Although we are not able to worship together, the bills still need to be paid. Please continue to financially support our parish by sending your weekly envelope contribution to the parish center. If you would rather contribute electronically, please contact John Riehle at the Parish Center 651-224-9793.

THANK YOU!

We are a Volunteer Parish!! The future of our parish depends on our dedicated volunteers.

THANK YOU to all who made it possible for the congregation to attend the **Sunday Mass online**. To our celebrant **Fr. Adrian** who offers mass for us and through the words of his homily gives us strength & hope as we live through these trying days. To **John** who assists where needed and makes sure everyone & everything is where it needs to be. Pianist **Jill** & Cantor **Anne** provided the beautiful music. **Mary Ann & Bob** who presented the readings. We are all especially grateful to **Alan!** He came forward last March and offered to film all our services. He then edits the production and puts it out on the web for all to view! He makes it possible for us to come together and worship as a parish, during an exceedingly difficult time. If you were not able to join the service as it happened, you can watch the mass on the **st-matts.org Website/ Facebook page** or on **YouTube**.

THANK YOU to all who donated money towards the **Easter Flowers**. A list of donors and those for whom the flowers were in memory or in honor of is included in last week's bulletin.

REMINDER The parish bulletin is still being produced each week! It can be found on the parish Website at **st-matts.org**.

News and Events

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - MASSES CANCELED

To protect the health of our staff, volunteers, parishioners, and Father Steve, the parish office will be closed and all Masses are cancelled. This includes funeral and baptisms. Father Steve and John Riehle will revisit the situation in the coming weeks and you will again be notified of their decision.

Mass with Father Adrian will stream on Sunday 10:15 am Mass via Facebook and YouTube. You must be a Facebook user to view this application; or go to the parish website.

Please continue in your prayers Father Adrian who brings us Mass each week, our sacristans, cantors, musicians & lectors, Alan & John who brought it all to fruition. For all the folks in the medical field who work tireless each day, for the people in the grocery stores, and pharmacies, gas stations, restaurants and so many other places that keep us all going while we stay home. God keep them safe as well.

THANK YOU PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

Thank you parishioners and friends of Saint Matthew's for your financial support to the parish at this difficult time. Many of you are facing difficult times as well and therefore your support is doubly meaningful. We are an amazing parish worshipping together, worshipping from afar!!

We are encouraging those of you who have the capability to do so to use EFT giving. Contact John Riehle at the parish center or at jriehle@st-matts.org and he will help you get started. It is a quick process. There isn't a fee for the service.

PayPal QR is the other option, in which you receive full credit for your donation and the parish pays for the transaction. Thanks to the two parishioners who have begun a monthly donation through PayPal. (Thanks to two parishioners who have begun a monthly donation through PayPal. [This will function the same as EFT through a checking account.] Others may want to pursue this avenue of donations.

Saint Matthew's motto-to be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS April 19, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 18.75
Hours in service 25

Parish
Envelopes/Cash \$ 2,481
Electronic Giving \$ 242
Easter \$ 971
PayPal \$ 315
IRA Contribution \$12,000
Rental \$ 400
Vigil Lights \$
Sanctuary Lamps \$ 17

School \$ 65
Food Shelf \$ 470
Rice Bowl \$ 25

Total \$ 560

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Total \$ 16,426

Thank You!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells will ring on May 1st to mark the 72nd wedding anniversary of **John & Mary Jane Sperl**.

Remember the Bells will ring and the Sanctuary and chapel lamps will be lit if we are present or not. You may have the lamps lit for a loved one and the church bells ring every hour from 7am to 6 pm daily.

Contact Linda Rivera at lrivera@st-matts.org if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the lamps for your special memory or event.

2nd Wedding Banns

Joseph Michael Blum and Judith Marie Parnell

IRA DISTRIBUTIONS

I wish to thank the parish families who have sent their IRA distributions directly to Saint Matthew's Church. Thanks to the two families who directed more than \$17,000 to the parish. The benefit to you, the donor, is that there is no tax implication for you. The benefit for St. Matt's is that there is a gift for use in order to continue our mission on the West Side and beyond. If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me.

John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator

UPDATING FAMILY INFORMATION

With the recent quarantine we discovered that we have very few e-mails for parishioners. Likewise we realized that our records are quite old and have not been updated for a while. Members of the pastoral council have accepted the challenge and invitation to lead the effort to update our records.

Please expect a phone call from a parishioner asking just a few questions:

- 1) Do you still wish to remain a parishioner?
- 2) Is the information we have correct?
- 3) Please give us an e-mail address that we can use to contact you.
- 4) Would you like to give us your cell phone number?

You can help us with this process: send an e-mail to: administrator@st-matts.org. In that way we will have your e-mail address; we will confirm to you that we have received the e-mail address.

Thanks to the parishioners who have responded this week. Giving your information has reduced the number of phone calls that need to be made.

John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator

STAYING SAFE IN OUR HOMES

As we continue our sheltering in place, working from home, safe distancing when we must be out in public we must keep a hopeful outlook, that we will be back to normal; when it is safe to do so. In the mean time...

Pull out those movies you never had time to watch, you do now!

The weather is nice, uncover your flower beds; do you have veggie seeds? Some can go in now.

How about getting to those outdoor or perhaps in indoor project you have put off forever. Paint the trim on the doors and windows. Wash the windows. Scrub the desk.

Organize your collection of books and dvds.

Send cards to family and friends, they will be happy to hear from you; even if it is around the corner.

Stay well and safe until we are together again.

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister
sadrian

Rev. Rick Banker, Parochial Administrator
rbanker@stedwardschurch.org

Sister Anne Becker, Pastoral Ministry
srannebecker

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jdelvecchio

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bklein

Steve Kowal, Maintenance Engineer
skowal

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mleibl

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jriehle

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lrivera

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Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee
kthompson

Parish Pastoral Council

parishcouncil

Members:

Suzanne Clarke	John Riehle, Ex Officio
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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 am** for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 25

4:15 pm Cancelled

Sunday, April 26

10:15 am Our Parish

Eugenia Yarosz† 132 Anniversary of Saint
Matthew's Rosary/CCW
Robert Gomez, Jr.

Monday, April 27

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, April 28

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, May 1

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, May 2

4:15 pm Cancelled

Sunday, May 3

10:15 am Our Parish

George Lackner†, John & Mary Jane
Sperl†, Connie Alvarez†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 25

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Sunday April 26

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Monday, April 27 - Friday May 1

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes **Meals Are Being
Served As Take-Out Only At This Time**

Monday, April 27

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled
St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

Tuesday, April 28

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Wednesday, April 29

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled
St. Mary's Clinic—by appointment only

Thursday, April 30

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Friday, May 1

Saturday, May 2

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Sunday May 3

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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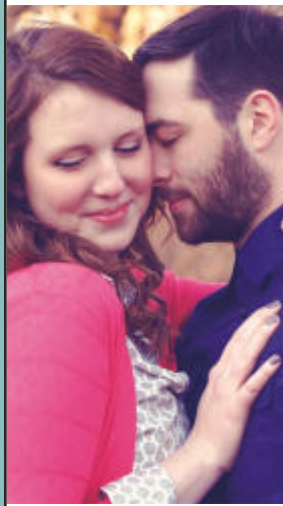
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