

The Community of St. Matthew



Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

- Jn 20:8-9

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God's love.*

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Happy Easter! May the blessing and truth of the Risen Lord fill your life.

Easter brings meaning to the suffering and death of Jesus. It does not cancel, obliterate or dismiss the death of Jesus – Resurrection announces that the death of the Lord is but the prelude to Resurrection.

The mystery of the Resurrection makes no sense without the death of the Lord; as the death of the Lord makes no sense without the Resurrection. “If the seed does not fall to the earth and die, it remains just a seed. If it dies, it produces much fruit.”

The mystery of our suffering and death makes sense only in light of our resurrection to eternal life. Our destiny is to die and rise in glory!

The realization of this truth is at the center of what it is to be a mature Christian – an Easter Christian. There are at least three qualities in being a mature Christian – a man/women of Death and Resurrection.

The Easter Christian is *a person of hope*. He/she builds bridges, reconciles, and looks to the future. He/she trusts in the presence of God, listens for the prompting of the Holy Spirit and lets go of resentments and hurts.

The Easter Christian *knows the conflict involved in being true to Jesus*. Maturity demands that we are able take a stand and

refuse to be shamed or bullied and intimidated. To champion the sacredness of each person, to commit to the value of human life, to witness to peace and reconciliation and to be a visible expression of the love of God in our world involves conflict. Jesus fully understood that his suffering and death was inseparable from his proclamation of the kingdom of God and was the prelude to his Resurrection.

The Easter Christian *lives with a profound sense of integrity*. Even though his/her life is filled with many and varied activities and efforts, there is a profound sense, deep within, of a steady and continuing life in Christ. This integrity allows one to live without anxiety, without fear and without apprehension. This integrity is nurtured and nursed by and ever more profound life of prayer. Bit by bit the Easter Christian comes to the point of being able to say – “now it is no long I that live, but Christ lives within me.”

Easter is the Feast and Season of Maturity in Christ. Let us live *our* Easter heritage, let us act out of *our* Easter mystery. Let us truly be Easter People, and may Alleluia be *our* song.

Yours truly



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The second collection on Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30 will be for the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive. The Knights will be outside and some inside to give our Tootsie Rolls after church. The proceeds from the sales will go to programs for the mentally retarded. This drive is sponsored by the Lucien Galtier Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. If any parishioner is interested in joining the Knights talk with Joe Stevens or Ed Meyer. Thank you for your contributions

NO COFFEE SUNDAY

There will be no Coffee Sunday after masses this weekend or next Sunday, April 23. Join us again on April 30 after Sunday masses for coffee, refreshments and fellowship.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Romanian orphans, and those who work with them, I wish to express gratitude to Father Adrian for promoting this cause, to those who gave donations through the Romanian Orphans parish envelope, and to those great men in the Men's Club who labored so diligently to plan and carry out the Fish Fry. The baked fish was delicious! Thanks also to those who served and those who attended. My husband, Hugh, took photos that we'll send to Romania so they can see and feel our love and support. You have truly exhibited our parish motto, “(St. Matthew) exists in the world as a visible express of God's love.”
Monica O'Kane

BARRIE FREE

Saint Matthew's seeks to welcome all to worship and to exercise ministry. In doing so, we pledge to be barrier free—to the best of our ability—and so accommodate all community members.

STEWARDSHIP

Plate and envelope-April 9	\$11,164.54
Needed per week:	\$9,457.00
Plate & envelope to date:	\$374,956.00
Need to date:	<u>\$387,737.00</u>
	-\$12,781.00

School Fund	\$203.00
Holy Day	\$75.00
Romanian Orphans	\$1,573.00
Penance Services (Homeless of St. Paul)	\$2,747.00

Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished. s.j. adrian

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 16	8:00 AM +Phillip Gilberg +Bill O'Donnell +Ralph O'Brien 10:30 AM +Harry Borowicz +Joseph Karas, Sr. +Joseph Karas, Jr.
Monday, April 17	Parishioners
Tuesday, April 18	World Peace
Wednesday, April 19	+Ray Mosberger Klinger Family
Thursday, April 20	+John Williams
Friday, April 21	
Saturday, April 22	+Bernard Ferber, +Tim Jack +Bernard Bukowski
Sunday, April 23	8:00 AM +Agnes DeFoe +John Meyers +Helen Savard 10:30 AM Parishioners Confirmation Candidates

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 16, 2006

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9, or Mk 16:1-7
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/ Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/ Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/ Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/ Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/ Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31

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Schedule of Services

Weekend Liturgies Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Weekday Liturgies Monday-Friday: 6:45 AM
1st Friday: 6:45 AM & 5:15 PM

Reconciliation

Tuesday..... 7:15 AM
Saturday..... 4:00 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who are parishioners make arrangements with the Pastor or the Deacon one month prior to baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Must be a registered member. Couples make arrangements with the Pastor or the Deacon six months prior to wedding.

Parish Council Members

Parish Council email: parishcouncil@st-matts.org

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