

The Community of St. Matthew



*... exists
in the world
as a visible
expression of
God's love.*



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This Thursday we observe what arguably may be called the only civic holy day of the United States. In a secular society that prides itself on the separation of church and state it is remarkable that this day is given to gratitude to God for the gifts we have received.

As you make your plans to observe this day of gratitude please include worship as part of your family plans.

Thanksgiving Day Mass at Saint Matthew Thursday, November 26th 9:00 am

Below is the first Thanksgiving Day proclamation issued by President George Washington in 1789.



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

General Thanksgiving By the PRESIDENT of the United States Of America A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a DAY OF PUBLICK THANKSGIVING and PRAYER, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

NOW THEREFORE, I do recommend and assign THURSDAY, the TWENTY-SIXTH DAY of NOVEMBER next, to be devoted by the

people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed;-- for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been able to establish Constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted;-- for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge;-- and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also, that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions;-- to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wife, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness unto us); and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

GIVEN under my hand, at the city of New-York, the third day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

(signed) G. Washington

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

GIVING THANKS BY GIVING

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, please consider sharing your bounty with our less fortunate neighbors. Bring non-perishable food items with you to Church as part of your Thanksgiving celebration, or make a monetary offering in the yellow envelopes provided in the back of church. We are thankful for all who support our ministry by bringing weekly donations throughout the year. The Food Shelf Ministry

COFFEE FOR A CAUSE

All are invited to the Social Hall after both Sunday masses for community time, coffee, treats courtesy of Aidan Dosch, Garrett McDermott and their families in support the St. Matthew's Religious Education Program. 90 students in grades 1 through 10 attend classes weekly at St. Matthews for faith formation lessons taught by 10 adult volunteers. The School Sisters of Notre Dame thank all who enjoyed (and stayed well past noon for fellowship) last weeks C4aC. \$188.00 was raised.

HOLIDAY FRUITCAKE SALE

The Holiday Fruitcake Sale raises funds for the works of the local chapter of Lions International. The Lions provide eye care to people in third world countries. They collect and redistribute used eye glasses, they provide eye examination and treatment. The local chapter also provides funds for educational and athletic activities in local public and private schools. On November 28th and 29th Jerry Smith will be at all masses selling fruitcakes for \$5 and collecting used eye glasses.

SUNDAY MISSALS

The St. Joseph Sunday Missals are available at the back of church; the suggested donation is \$5.00. These are printed in Canada and have the same translation of the of the readings we use at weekend liturgy. [There are some small differences in the translation that encourage better proclamation and better listening and hearing.] Another great use for these missals is the ability to prepare the readings during the week at home. In that way, they will be more familiar when they are heard on Sunday.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 22, 2009

- Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
- Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	November 22
Monday	November 23
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	November 24
9:00 AM, PC	Alums & Friends
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, XC	Boy Scout Troop Committee mtg.
Wednesday	November 25
9:00 AM, MC	School Mass
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	November 26
Thanksgiving Day	
Mass 9:00 AM	
Friday	November 27
Saturday	November 28
Sunday	November 29

There was a misprint in the parish calendar. There is NO Sacrament prep parent info night on Nov. 24. If you have a child ready for a Sacrament, please call the school, 651-224-6912.

- Abbreviations:**
- MC – Main Church
 - CH – Chapel
 - PC – Parish Center
 - SH – Social Hall
 - SC – School
 - CC – Child Care
 - XC – Extended Day

STEWARDSHIP

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests *in the service of God*. How am I using my gifts to serve both God and others?

In the Gospel Jesus gives testimony: "My kingdom is not of this world." Surely, the challenge for us, his followers, is to make that kingdom come, each and every day...by living—not for this world—but the next.

Sharing Last weekend: \$6,442 was given in envelopes both mailed and brought to church, transferred electronically, and given in the plate. Thanks to each faithful steward—all those who give because of the goodness bestowed on us each and every day!

Additionally: \$952.50 was given in "fuel" envelopes—a great help as we anticipate the boiler being on for five months or more; \$85 for the foodshelf; \$75 in All Saints' day envelopes; and \$25 in school envelopes. Equally: thank you!

Service: Took a person to a doctor appointment... sing in the choir... baked items for coffee for a cause.

Prayer: daily mass, rosary, prayer... spiritual reading... prayer for people out of work... fasting... prayer chain.

Children's stewardship: \$5.05, Thank you! They wrote: raked leaves... made breakfast.

2010 stewardship renewal. This is the final week in which to respond to the stewardship mailing. Each response increases the understanding of income for the coming budget year and lessens the number of calls to be made. Thanks in advance for your action.

Those calls will be made Nov. 29 and 30. Thanks in advance to members of the pastoral and finance councils as well as the education advisory committee for their help in this task.

Thanksgiving: Remember—no ecumenical service this year. [What to help plan next year? Call and join those who have already said 'yes.']

Mass for the day will be at 9:00AM.

Advent begins next weekend. Dare to be counter-cultural and make these four weeks ones of prayerful, watchful expectation.

Fund for Religious Retirement. Thanks in advance to Sister Carolyn Fasnacht, SSND who will invite us to be involved. Her preaching and materials [and envelopes] will be December 5 and 6.

Communal celebrations of Forgiveness [non-sacramental] will be on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20 at 2 and 4PM. All are invited to this time of prayer for forgiveness of both individual and corporate sin.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830
 Prayer line 651-686-5463 or 651-455-6886

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

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

Parish Council Members

Parish Council email: *parishcouncil@st-matts.org*

Karen Thompson	Georgann Henjum
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