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St. Matthew Catholic Church

Celebrate | Love | Share

OFFICE HOURS:
9:30 am—4:30 pm. Phone: 912-681-6726.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5 pm (Span.),
Sunday: 8 am, 10:30 am, and 5 pm.

Daily Mass: M, T, Th, and F at 12:10 pm; W at 5:30 pm.

Mission Statement:
St. Matthew Church CELEBRATES the Catholic faith in Jesus Christ by inspiring all to LOVE God and one another and to SHARE the Good News of God's love with others.

Aug. 22 2021

CONFESSIONS
Wed: 5—5:25 pm, Sat: 4-5 pm, or by appt.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Adoration Chapel available 24/7— Sunday at 7 pm through Saturday at 3:30 pm—in the Cry Room.

INFANT BAPTISMS
For information on scheduling baptisms and baptism instruction classes, please contact Helen Almeter at 912-681-6726 ext. 203 or via email at halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com.

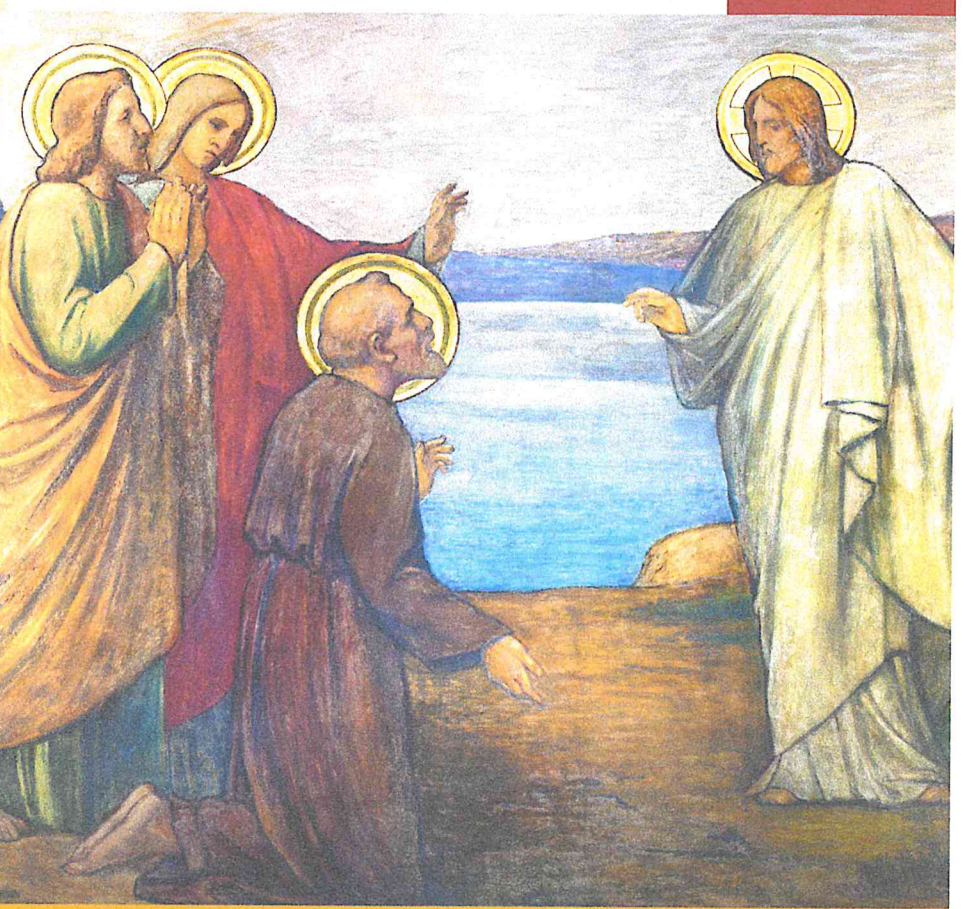
MARRIAGE PREPARATION
Newly engaged couples should contact Fr. Johnson at 912-681-6726 to schedule preparation sessions and a date for the wedding.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Grades PreK through 8th meet on Sundays at 9 am, September 12, 2021- May 22, 2022.

CATHOLIC EAGLES
GSU students: For information on bible studies, events, and retreats contact our FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) Team Director David Wentworth at: david.wentworth@focus.org.

PARISH REGISTRATION
Welcome to the St. Matthew parish family! To register at St. Matthew parish, please fill out a registration form on the St. Matthew web site: www.saintmatthewsparish.com/about. Forms are also available at the front entrances of the church. Persons interested in being added to the e-newsletter mailing list, please contact the parish office at 912-681-6726 or via email: mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday at noon.



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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Please contact your parish representatives with questions, concerns, compliments, or ideas!

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Pray for our Sick



Names will be kept on the list for four weeks unless the office is notified otherwise. Please pray for: Jim Agnew, Ted Bandoni, Terri Beasley, Bill Bolen, Drew Brandon, Sylvia Brannen, Margaret Brewer, Orlena Bussie, Karl Collins, Marguerite DeFoe, Judy Cowning, Margaret Dannacher, Fred Denson, Dorothy Downs, Karen Dwyer, Chris Eaton, Les Fatica, Joe & Cassie Gay, David Greene, Madelyn Grovenstein, Kate Hall, Nola Hammond, Bob Haranda, Jordan Hathaway, Kelly Howard, Mary Harrington, Jon Hart, Pat Jackson, Mattie James, Miranda Johnson, Peggy Kearns, Greyson Kennedy, Emily Kerstiens, John Kindig, Cecilia Krause, Maria LeFebvre, Marq Lett, Selah March, Sarah Mathis, Hugh and Linda McClendon, Ginger Morris, Audrey Senecal Sidway, Cathy Orr, Brooks Padgett, Sandie Perrin, Rick and Kathy Poole, Dave Reichard, Denton and Margie Rouse, April Shuman, Dot Sink, Shirley Smith, Carol Sowell, Steve Steinman, Katherine Strickland, Carolyn Strozzi, Joe Subarton, Joe Sutter, Sullivan family, Connie Tousley, Sharon Tracy, Shirley Wilson, Brian Wolnewitz, Morgan Wurst, Wurst Family, Jason Yurek, and their caregivers.

Communion Ministry to the Sick/Homebound

If someone needs to be added to the list for Communion Ministry to the Sick/Homebound, please contact Melinda Cannady at 681-6726.

For those in the Military

Trevor Alderman, Alex Baysinger, Audrey Brenden, Cole Carter, Christopher Doty, Ryan Erikson, David Liddell, Sean Limbach, Anthony Mullen, Lexi Murry, Brandon Luke Revenue, Lance Rewis, Matthew Robbins, Cody Stevens, Brian Sullivan, Sarah Sullivan, Sean Sullivan, Kevin Tyler, and James Ziegler.

Volunteer Parish Nurse

Mary Anderson is a retired registered nurse who shares her knowledge of the local medical community and resources with parishioners that seek or need a medical advocate for themselves or their loved ones. She also conducts blood pressure checks on Hospitality Sundays. She can be reached at 912-682-1147.

STAFF DIRECTORY

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The St. Matthew Consolation Ministry

Our Mission: To provide a listening ear and a compassionate presence to help others cope with loss.
Our Mandate: "Bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2).
Contact: Melinda Cannady at 912-681-6726 or mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com.

Weekly Collection

August 15, 2021	\$3,321.25
Online Giving	\$3,672.91
Total	\$6,994.16



"St. Matthew Catholic Church and Newman Center"



Find the parish Instagram account at: StMatthewStatesboro

Abuse Hotline Number: To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number, 888-357-5330, or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.

This Week at St. Matthew

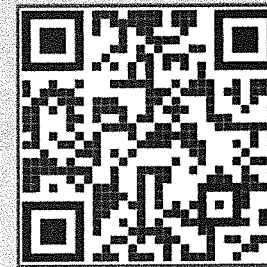
Date:	Activities:	Mass Intention:
Aug. 22 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	+Carolyn Penman +Michael Sheahan
Aug. 23 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	Becky Crockett
Aug. 24 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	Karen Dwyer
Aug. 25 Wed.	4:15 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass	Frank Ferry
Aug. 26 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	Maria Provost
Aug. 27 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
Aug. 28 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass	

Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

Sun: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
 Mon: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
 Tues: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
 Wed: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
 Thurs: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
 Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
 Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
 Next Sun: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Religious Education Registration

Religious Ed. Registration is underway! Use the QR code below to register:

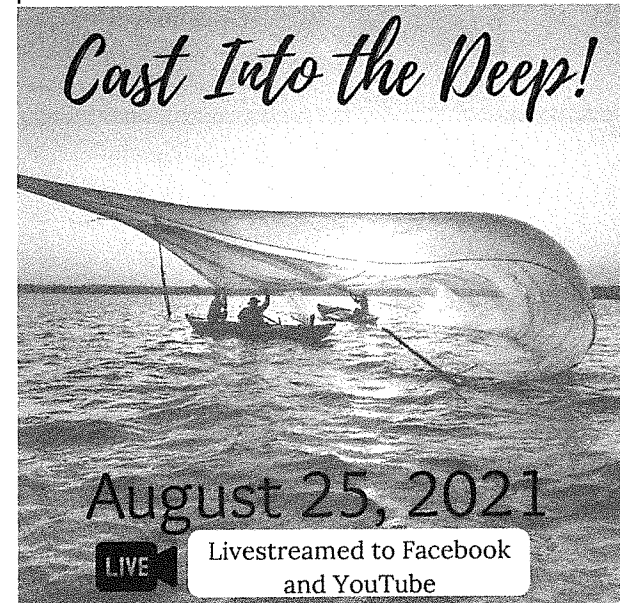


Questions about Catholic Teaching?

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, would like to learn more about Catholicism, or were baptized Catholic but you haven't finished receiving the other Sacraments of Initiation: First Communion and/or Confirmation, please contact Helen Almeter at halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com.



Our condolences are offered to Jennifer Bond at the loss of her mother, Carolyn Penman and to Chris Sheahan at the loss of his brother, +Michael Sheahan. May they rest forever in the peace of heaven with Jesus.



Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in the service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, turn the other cheek, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. However, truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept truth from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in His own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship. © LPI

Parish Council Meeting

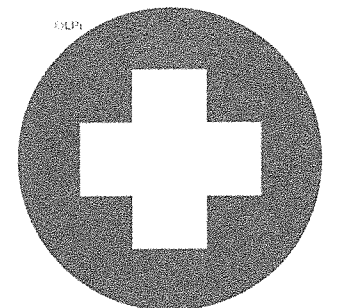
The Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, August 24 at 6 pm. Contact information for council members is listed on page 2 of the bulletin.

Musician Wanted

St. Matthew Parish is looking for a pianist and/or organist to play at Mass. A job description if available in the Narthex. Please take one to share. Email PeterAMDG@gmail.com, or phone the office for details.

PARISH NITE

Dinner: 6 pm
 Talk
 Holy Hour
 7:30 pm
 with praise
 and worship



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