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**Sept.
26
2021**

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.

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.

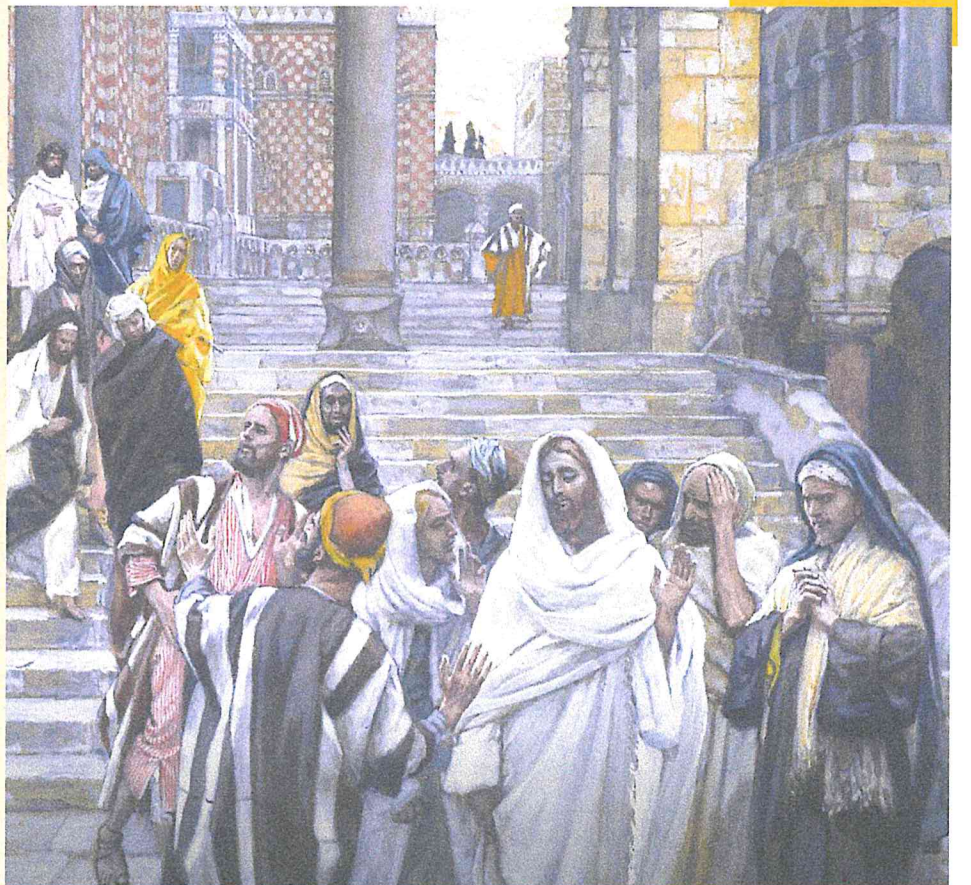
MARRIAGE PREPARATION
Newly engaged couples should contact Fr.
Johnson at 912-681-6726 to schedule prepara-
tion sessions and a date for the wedding.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Grades Pre-K through 8 meet at 9 am on Sun-
days, beginning October 3, 2021 and ending
May 2022. LIFETEEN for grades 8-12 Sundays
from 6 pm—8 pm.

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 add-
ed to the e-newsletter mailing list, please con-
tact the parish office at 912-681-6726 or via
email: mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com.

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.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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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 Cowing, 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, Mattie James, Miranda Johnson, Peggy Kearns, Greyson Kennedy, Emily Kerstiens, John Kindig, Cecilia Krause, Marq Lett, Selah March, Sarah Mathis, Hugh and Linda McClendon, Ginger Morris, Audrey Senecal Sidway, Cathy Orr, Brooks Padgett, Sande Perrin, Rick and Kathy Poole, Dave Reichard, Denton and Margie Rouse, April Shuman, Dot Sink, Shirley Smith, Steve Steinman, Katherine Strickland, Carolyn Strozzi, Joe Subarton, Joe Sutter, Sullivan family, Connie Tousley, Sharon Tracy, Katharine Welch, 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, Alax 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.

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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

The weekly collection totals for Sept. 19 will be posted in the October 3, 2021 bulletin. Melinda was out of town and did not have access to the collection data to post it this week. Thank you!



"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:
Sept. 26 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	
Sept. 27 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	
Sept. 28 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	
Sept. 29 Wed.	4:15 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass 6 pm Pocluck Dinner and Parish Nite Talk	
Sept. 30 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 am Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	
Oct. 1 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
Oct. 2 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass	

Readings for the week of Sept. 26, 2021

Sun: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
 Mon: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
 Tues: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
 Wed: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
 Thurs: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
 Fri: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
 Sat: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Next Sun: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Parish Nite

Join us for a potluck dinner at 6 pm followed by a presentation on Mary and the Communion of the Saints by guest speaker Fr. Kevin O'Keefe. A nursery and children's activities will be provided during the talk. Eucharistic Adoration will take place from 7:30 pm until 8:30 pm.

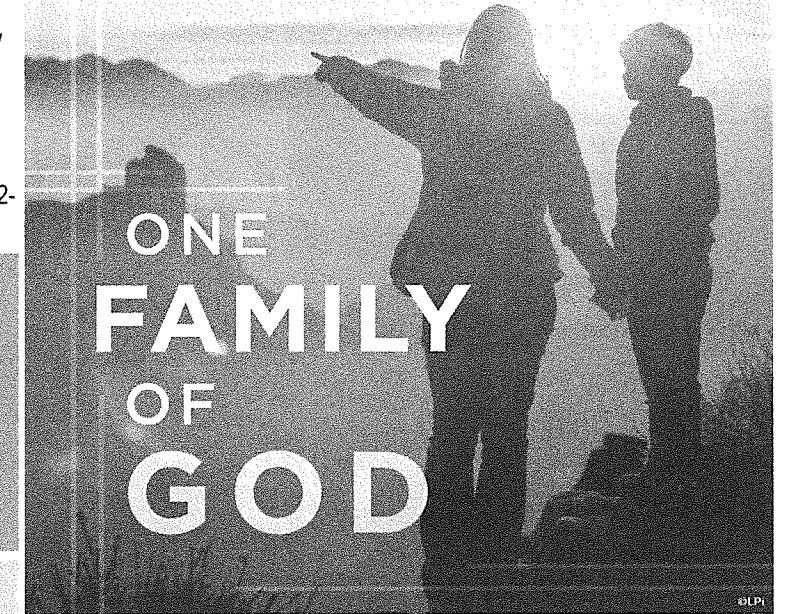
Boxes of Joy



The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) is supporting the Cross Catholic Outreach Christmas Program, "Boxes of Joy", for children in need. Through your continued compassionate support, children from Guatemala and Haiti will experience the excitement and love of Christmas. These children's parents are too poor to provide anything but the basic needs of their children.

Participating is easy:

- Pick up a box of after Mass from PCCW members on Sunday.
- Pray for the mission and the children who will receive the boxes.
- Fill with gifts to bring joy (suggested item list included).
- Include a \$9 donation- \$7 covers shipping, and \$2 supports the life-saving ministries of the priests, nuns, and lay-missionaries working with the children.
- **A New Way to Donate:** You can choose to have Cross Catholic Outreach put together a box for you- \$25 for the gifts and \$9 for the shipping for a total of \$34. Go to crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy to donate.
- Drop off the "Box of Joy" to St. Matthew Catholic Church by Sunday, October 31, 2021.



Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God's bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God's world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards His sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than from where they came. © LPI



Religious Education for grades PreK through 8th will begin on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 9 am. Visit the parish website: www.saintmatthewsparish.com to register online. The deadline for registration is October 31, 2021. LIFETEEN for teens in grades 8-12 takes place on Sundays from 6 pm until 8 pm. Youth are invited to join us each week for food, faith, and fellowship!