

# Saint Matthew Church



*Corner of Elmwood and Park Avenues,  
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~ Established 1909 ~*

***Pastor: Rev. Ronald J. Bengford***

***~ Mass Schedule ~***

***~THE LORD'S DAY MASSES~***

***SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00PM***

***SUNDAY MORNING 7:30AM & 9:30AM***

**DAILY MASS**

***7:00AM Monday-Thursday***

**HOLY DAY MASSES**

***7:00AM and 6:30PM***

**CONFESSION**

***Saturday 3:00PM-3:30PM***

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Ms. Barbara DiLibero: Bookkeeper

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Mr. Daniel Monte: Director of Music

Miss Brianna Calahan: Cantor





**SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2025**

**4:00PM LOUIS MAGGIACOMO** *by wife Candy*

**SUNDAY MARCH 16, 2025 ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent~**

**7:30AM**

**9:30AM WALTER BATOR** *by Daniel & Carolyn*  
**JOSE BERNARDO** *by Rosa Bernardo & family*

**MONDAY MARCH 17, 2025 ~ St. Patrick's Day~**

**7:00AM MANUEL & MARIA MEDEIROS** *by daughter*

**TUESDAY MARCH 18, 2025**

**7:00AM**

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 19, 2025 ~St. Joseph's Day~**

**7:00AM NENA & ALFREDO PERDIGEROS**  
*by Divinagracia family*

**THURSDAY MARCH 20, 2025**

**7:00AM GUS & PAM LANIFERO** (Remembrance)  
*by children & grandchildren*

**Friday March 21, 2025**

**SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2025**

**4:00PM LOUIS MAGGIACOMO** *by wife Candy*

**SUNDAY MARCH 23, 2025 ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent~**

**7:30AM**

**9:30AM ANTONIO F. REBELO** *by wife Fernanda*

**Readings for the Week - March 16, 2025**

**Monday** Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38  
**Tuesday** Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12  
**Wednesday** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
**Thursday** Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31  
**Friday** Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Saturday** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Sunday** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11. 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10

*Gluten free hosts are always available.  
 See Father Bengford before Mass.*

**OFFERTORY**

MARCH 09, 2025 Weekly Collection	\$ 3, 208.00
MARCH 09, 2025 Online Collection	\$ 446.70
EASTER FLOWERS YTD	\$ 165.00
Ash Wednesday 03/16/2025	\$ 733.00
Fuel & Maintenance	\$ 557.00

**2024 Tax Statements**

Just a reminder that it is not to late to request a 2024 Tax Donation Statement.

*Please contact Barbara in the Rectory office on Fridays.*

**PASCHAL CANDLE- 2025**



*Burns for the  
 Quinn Family  
 By JoAnne Quinn*

**The 2025 Catholic Charity Appeal**

This year's theme, "Trust in Providence," is a powerful reminder of God's grace and the trust he has placed in us to serve others. Our parish goal remains the same as last year, with an overall diocesan goal of \$7.5 million. As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the appeal, let us reflect on a century of hope, compassion and support provided to all those in need throughout our state. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the appeal as we strive for 100% parish participation.

**St. Matthew's 2025 Goal is \$55,338.00**

**2025 Year To Date \$3,723.00**

**COUNTING SCHEDULE:**

- ◆ MARCH 17, 2025 – Team 3
- ◆ MARCH 24, 2025 – Team 4
- ◆ MARCH 31, 2025 – Team 4
- ◆ APRIL 07, 2025 – Team 1





Dear Parishioners,

A special thank you to Judy Smith who after the Ash Wednesday services took the alter servers scapulars and the surplices to have them washed.

With Lent moving forward many of us are settling into our Lenten observances and sacrifices. A common one is to cut down on screen time, whether it be on our phones, computers, I pads, etc. Electronics have become a big part in our day to day lives and we have become quite reliant on them. They demand our attention, with the constant updates and notifications the are huge distractions and are time consuming. This lent instead of restricting ourselves from using our electronics instead we can regulate the amount of time we spend on them and what we use them for! Swap out using social media for a Catholic App, They are easy to use and more beneficial to our spiritual growth. You can download the Hallow app, Relevant Radio app, Laudate, EWTN, My-Roasay, AMEN, and the Vatican News App. These are just some of the Apps on my phone that I use daily to keep up to date and as convenient ways to remain in prayer.

Lent is season for repentance, remembrance, reconciliation , and renewal during this time God pours out special graces to prepare us for the Easter Season. With this in mind remember to book masses for loved ones, schedule intentions for the Icon and Sanctuary Candles which burn all week, and encourage others to come to mass. Now is the perfect time invite those who are not regularly involved in the church to come back home to receive God’s mercy in reconciliation and graces of renewal!

Let us Keep the Diocese in our prayers as we remain without a Bishop and for our parish family that we will continue to grow in Holiness and unity.

God Bless,

*Fr. Bengford*



**REMINDER**

**Stations of the Cross**

**Wednesday at 6:00PM**



If you would like to make a donation toward Easter Altar Flowers, you can list the names (max 4) in memory/honor of on the envelope. The envelopes will be placed in a basket on the Altar to be prayed for at all Masses on Easter

*Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

**PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS**

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,  
look favorably on your servant Francis,  
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;  
grant, we pray, that by word and example  
he may be of service to those over whom he presides  
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,  
he may come to everlasting life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**EASTER LILY**

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily, in honor of a loved one, the cost will be \$50.00 Your gift may also be made in thanksgiving for God’s blessings. We will put a name tag on your plant with your loved ones name and you may take your lily home after the Easter season.

**Last Day to Order: APRIL 06, 2025**

Mail, drop in the basket or bring this coupon to the church office. Thank you! Please place your order below.

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