MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS IN ST. MATTHEW CHURCH
SAT: 4:00 PM
SUN: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

WEEKDAYS AT WARDE HEALTH CTR
MON - THUR: 8:30 AM

WEEKDAYS IN ST. MATTHEW CHURCH
WEDS: 7:00 PM
FRI: 8:30 AM

HOLY DAYS
Contact Parish for Mass Schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SAT: 2:30 - 3:30 PM
or by appointment

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Rev. Brian Kennedy, CSsR, Pastor

The King said to him, “My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?”... “Bind his hands and feet and cast him into the darkness outside.”
FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Family of Saint Matthew,

Do you know of a Catholic man who found his way into a Baptist community? He reports now having Christ alone in his heart; forgiveness from sin directly from God, and all the knowledge he needs for salvation in his Bible. Along the way he embraced the required second baptism. When we hear a person trying to explain such a big change in their devotion, it is humbling for us to realize that the words often don’t come close to express the mystery or power of their conversion. Reverence for the other’s faith journey requires our silence rather than rebuttals.

People who move from one Christian fold to another, often become the strongest defenders of their new community. Those who grow up in a particular Christian faith and never wander into another... run the risk of lethargy in their commitment. Would you rather have a cousin who is hot for Christ and a regular Church goer (but in a non-Catholic denomination) ... or a cousin who remains self-satisfied with his participation as a lukewarm Catholic -- with no use for regular Sunday Mass?

The best “wedding garment” for the Kingdom of God is to be “all in” with Christ. Are we then to conclude that migration from lukewarm to hot is always a win situation? Does a person “lose” anything ... if they migrate from a Catholic community to a Baptist one?

None of us can judge the other as “good” or “bad.” We need to discern the value or goodness of actions; not persons. The decision of a Catholic to gain new relationships by assuming a Baptist identity, demands the loss of relationships with the Blessed Mother; Saint Francis; Padre Pio; Mother Teresa and all the other Catholic Saints. Baptist doctrine demands that one find nothing but benefit in dropping the Blessed Mother, Saint Francis, Mother Teresa etc. When no loss is assumed, does that mean that there really is no loss?

I met a person who went through the above change. His new gains didn't strike me as either happy or expansive; but defensive and combative. We all try our best to justify what we do... But I honestly felt sad to see him turn away from the Blessed Mother and the saints. There is just so much beauty, holiness and joy in them! Who could take their place?

-Father Brian Kennedy

Responsorial Psalm

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

LITURGY

Mass Intentions For The Week

SATURDAY, October 14
4:00 PM Deborah Richardson by the Richardson family

SUNDAY, October 15
7:30 AM Daniel Murphy Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Dunn
9:30 AM John J. Hallisey by the Forgione family
11:30 AM Andrew C. Manti Jr. by his wife and children
6:00 PM For all parishioners of St. Matthew

DAILY MASS—WARDE HEALTH CENTER CHAPEL

MONDAY, October 16
8:30 AM Thomas F. Sullivan by Donna & Daniel J. Sullivan

TUESDAY, October 17
8:30 AM Robert Talbot by Jim & Kay Mosco

WEDNESDAY, October 18
8:30 AM John Theisen by the Dumont family
7:00 PM Sheila Salvo (living) by Odile Tolme (church)

THURSDAY, October 19
8:30 AM Robert J. Talbot Sr. by friends

FRIDAY, October 20
8:30 AM Fr. Maurice Lavigne by St. Matthew Community (church)

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SATURDAY, October 21
4:00 PM Anthony Petrucci by his family

SUNDAY, October 22
7:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Dunn by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Dunn
9:30 AM Mary Pogash by the Behl family
11:30 AM For all parishioners of St. Matthew
6:00 PM Matthew Raymond by his parents

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. —Philippians 4:13
**FAMILY**

*EYES ON JESUS’ PRAYER MEETING*

"Teach me to do Your will, for you are my God; may Your good Spirit lead me on level ground..." -Psalm 143:10

All are invited to praise and worship the Lord Jesus with scripture, song and prayer! We continue to pray for the needs of our families, our community, our clergy, our country and all special needs. Please join us on Saturday, October 28, 5:15-6:15 pm in Room 208 of the Parish Center.

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**All Souls Mass of Remembrance**

All are welcome to join us for our All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance on Thursday evening, November 2nd at 7:00 PM

We remember all the faithful departed and in a special way honor those from our parish who have died this past year.

This annual Mass is a celebration of Life and Love. We encourage ALL parishioners to come and remember your deceased loved ones and honor their lives.

Refreshments will be served after the Mass.

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**Vocation Awareness**

“Love God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind.” Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Jason Jalbert 663-0132, or write: jjalbert@rcbm.org.

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**IN THE NEWS...**

**CONFIRMATION IS NOT A SACRAMENT OF MATURITY IN THE FAITH NOR DOES IT IMPLY AN ADULT COMMITMENT TO THE FAITH.**

For quite some time, many Catholics have referred to the sacrament of Confirmation as kind of a rite of passage in the faith. Confirmation is, and has always been, a sacrament of initiation, not transition or graduation.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this: “Although Confirmation is sometimes called the ‘sacrament of maturity,’ we must not confuse adult faith with the adult age of natural growth...St. Thomas reminds us of this: Age of body does not determine age of soul. Even in childhood one can attain spiritual maturity.” (CCC 1308)

We do not confirm our faith in the sacrament of Confirmation. It is not about what we do, but it is about the work of God. Go to www.catholicnh.org/lifelong for more information on sacrament of Confirmation.

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**Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent tragedies. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by violence, grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayers for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the days ahead. Help us to respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, and in comfort to the best of our abilities. Keep our hearts focused on the needs of all the community. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

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**Jubilee Day of Renewal**

**Rivers of Living Waters**

Ste. Marie Church, Manchester, Saturday, October 28th from 8:00-3:30 pm. Holy mass will be celebrated with Fr. Marc Montminy at 9:00 am, a Miracle Healing Service with Dr. Bob Sawyer from the Diocese of Baltimore, and a 'hand-on' experience on 'What's my part in the future of the Church?' There will be wonderful praise and worship music, healing prayer, fellowship and much more. Cost is $15 - BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. Coffee, muffins, water, etc. will be provided. To register, mail check to Pat Hurd, 9 Esquire Circle, Nashua, NH 03062 or email phurd1503@aol.com. Include the names of all who are attending as well as mailing/contact information.

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**Baptisms**

With joy, we welcome into our family of faith those children recently baptized at St. Matthew...*Sofia Valenti, Sebastian Valenti, & Aldo Valenti*

Please pray for these little ones and their family that they always walk in the light of Christ!

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**Annual Red Mass**

Bishop Peter A. Libasci and the Catholic Lawyers Guild of New Hampshire cordially invite all members of the judicial, legal, law enforcement, and legislative communities to gather with those who administer law in the Church to the Red Mass on Thursday, October 26, 2017, at 5:15 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral in Manchester. Following the Red Mass, the Guild will hold a reception at Devine Millimet, 111 Amherst Street, Manchester. For more details and to RSVP for either event, please contact Attorney Bob Dunn at redmass@devinemillimet.com.
**Gospel For All Ages**

"He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come." Why? What made the king's invitation so distasteful to these guests? According to the parable, either the guests were too busy with their farms and their businesses, or else they were downright hostile to the entire idea: they "laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them." What could possibly explain this resistance?

Perhaps we have a clue in the puzzling conclusion of today's Gospel. One of the second-string guests pulled in from the streets came to the feast "not dressed in a wedding garment." The man knew he was guilty, hence his silence. And the king's punishment suggests that the fellow ought to have known better. This "wedding garment" calls to mind the preparation of our souls necessary to join in the great "wedding feast of the Lamb" (Rv 19:9), that is, heaven. This man was apparently just too lazy to get ready. He presumed that having received an invitation to the banquet was enough, that nothing was required of him. Not so. He should have demonstrated his gratitude by dressing appropriately. And what of the first-string guests? Some were too busy to bother coming; others were furious that they had been invited at all. Now, where do we fit in? Are we more concerned with worldly work than with spiritual growth? Are we offended by the very suggestion that we might need to "dress up" our souls? Or are we the disinterested Christian, willing to feast but too lazy to foster his faith?

Jesus gave his life to open the gates of heaven for us. Let's show our gratitude by preparing radiant, beautiful souls worthy of the heavenly wedding feast.

**Life Question:** What could we do to ready our souls for the banquet of the Lord?

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**Readings for the Week of October 15, 2017**

**Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-20/Mt 22:1-14

**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

**Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

**Next Sunday:** Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

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**Intergenerational Sessions**

Our first intergenerational sessions will be held the week of October 22nd. These are held during your child’s regular class time. Parent’s should attend with your child(ren).

**RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

RCIA has begun and is held on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm beginning October 11th. Any adult (non-Catholic) interested in learning more about our faith or Catholics who never completed their Sacraments are invited to come and learn more. Questions, call Peg at 898-4818 x19.
**YOUTH**

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE:**

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**Mark Your Calendar**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sat. Nov. 4th   Year II Confirmation Retreat at St. Anselm College

Wed. Nov. 8th  NET Retreat Gr. 7 from 3-8pm in the parish center hall

Thu. Nov. 9th  NET Retreat Gr. 8 from 3-8pm in the parish center hall

Sun. Nov. 12th Year I Retreat w/ sponsors from 3-8pm at Warde Center

**High School Juniors & Seniors**

Get Ready for CROSSFIT

**Spiritual Fitness Training!**

Monthy Training and Monthly Service

This is not CCD! Are you up for a challenge!? This is a workout program for spiritual fitness! This is not for anyone who wants to sit back and do nothing! Bring you’re A-game! If you’re not sure exactly what this is… no sweat! - neither do we! But we are committed to help you strengthen your spiritual life!

**Training Sessions**

Sundays from 4:30-6pm

Oct. 15—First session at the Fire Pit!

Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan.28, Feb.18, Mar. 11, Apr.8-Life in the Spirit

**Workouts Included:**

Cor Unum, New Horizons, Kid’s Café, Souper Bowl, Living Stations, Mass of the Spirit, missions & more! Contact Sandy X21 for info!

**It’s All About Love Concert**

St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester (145 Lowell St.), on Saturday, Oct. 28th at 7:00pm

Marie-Line Morin, soprano, accompanied by pianists, Lucille Fortin and Lyle Hamel, will sing sacred, classical and popular songs including French songs, while sharing her faith journey testimony as a French-Canadian immigrant. Professor Morin, from Laval University, Quebec, recently returned to New Hampshire, where her family resides since the 70’s, to care for two of her siblings who have a disability. She will also talk about a “Listening Ministry” project in the diocese associated with the Institute of Psychoreligious Counseling that she founded in Quebec. Suggested donations: $15 per person, will benefit this project.


**Pope Francis Tweeted this on October 3rd ...**

“Only in the silence of prayer can you learn to listen to the voice of God.”

**Follow Pope Francis** on Twitter

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**HONOR ROLL**

Monday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch

Wednesday: St. Luke, Evangelist

Thursday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, and Companions

Friday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Saturday: Sweetest Day

Next Sunday: World Mission Sunday
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Our prayer shawl ministry team has been busy knitting beautiful shawls for anyone in need of comfort and healing, whether spiritual, physical or emotional. Please contact the parish office if you would like one for yourself or someone else in need.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
“On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples.” Learn how to put aside the veils and masks that prevent true intimacy with your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Oct 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH and Dec 8-10, 2017 in Quincy, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at https://wwmema.org/.

Membership Drive—Consider Joining the Knights
If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, and growing in faith, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Consider joining our council. St. Matthew Council #7572 will be available to answer your questions after each Mass on the weekend of October 14 & 15. For more information, visit kofc.org or kofc7572.org or contact Joe Pfeifer at 617-775-3032 jpfiefer60@yahoo.com

DR 10 - Upcoming Information Meetings
Anyone interested in joining Father Brian on our next Dominican Republic Mission Trip (DR10) in February is urged to attend one upcoming information meeting:

Tues., Oct. 17th at 7pm at St. Michael’s, Exeter
Sunday, Nov. 5th after the 6pm Mass in church
Deadline for signing up for the Mission Trip is DEC. 1st
FYI: Minors MUST have a parent present.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING
Sacrificial Giving for Oct. 8 & 9 will be posted in next weekend’s bulletin
Thank you in advance for your generous support!

BLANKET PROJECT
Just a reminder to those who took home a blanket to finish, if you could return to Church or the Parish Office as soon as possible so that we can get ready for distribution time! Thank you!

Saturday, November 18th after the 4:00pm Mass. We are planning a delicious fundraiser for DR 10! Mark your calendar and join us!