

CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2017



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Please contact the Parish Office regarding baptism, marriage, first communion and confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 a.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday - Wednesday - Friday 8:00 am

Thursday - 9:30 am at Community of Saints School

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 10:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm and by appointment

Readings for the Week of January 15, 2017

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25--8:6/Ps 40/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23
or 4:12-17

WHAT'S IN A NAME?



For the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, the gospel reading is taken from the words of John the Evangelist and are about John the Baptist. So I have to ask the familiar question that Juliet asked Romeo in Shakespeare's familiar play *Romeo and Juliet*, "What's in a name, that which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet?" But not everybody would agree with me.

In biblical times and even in many African cultures today, personal names function the way business names do. They try to express what the bearer of the name stands for. For example, when Simon Peter shows that he could be a reliable leader of the apostles, Jesus gives him the name "Rock." When the sons of Zebedee, James and John, beg Jesus to call down lightning from heaven to burn up Samaritan villages, they get the name "The Sons of Thunder." In biblical times, names revealed and expressed the essential character and even the destiny of the person who was given the name.

In some cases in the Old Testament, the change God made in a name did not immediately result in a life change. When God changed Abram's name to "Abraham" and Sarai's name to Sarah, it seemed highly unlikely that this childless couple who were in their 90's would ever become what their new names implied. But God apparently names people as though the meaning is already true, then through life experiences and divine grace, God proceeds to change people and enables them fulfill their name.

The name John means "God is gracious." The naming of John the Baptist signals a new beginning in the scriptures, sort of an imaginary line that separates the Old Testament from the New Testament. Notice, God named John before his birth in a vision to Zechariah but it was mother Elizabeth who officially proclaimed the name for the first time. At the time of Jesus, a woman would never name her child. That a name was given to John before his birth, proclaimed by his mother, and affirmed by his father after his birth shows that God is inviting human beings into a new and closer relationship where individuals and not their roles in life are what is important.

The words that the Prophet Isaiah speaks about himself apply equally to John the Baptist, John the Evangelist, as well as to us: "The Lord called me from birth from my mother's womb God gave me my name" (Isai 49:1). Because of the births of John the Baptist, John the Evangelist, and our own, we can know that God has a purpose for us and the challenge of life is to discover this purpose and to be faithful as best we can to its many demands. We can celebrate John the Baptist, John the Evangelist, as well as ourselves not just because God calls us to a specific vocation but because we try to walk faithfully in the vocation to which we are called.

ABUNDANT THANKS!

Please accept my gratitude for the cards, gifts, and New Year's greetings so generously given to me. I am most richly blessed by all of you!

News and Events

Church Bells

The St. Matthew's church bells will ring on the following days in honor of:

January 13	Jerry Schillinger
January 20	Barbara Wolters
January 28	Helen Leibl
January 31	Joanne Smith

In Sympathy

The Church of St. Matthew's extends our sincerest sympathy to the families of Petra Zepeda Sanchez and Delores Becker. Mrs. Sanchez died on December 27, 2016 and her Funeral Mass was on January 4, 2017. Mrs. Becker died on December 28, 2016 and her Funeral Mass was on January 6, 2017. Please remember Mrs. Sanchez and Mrs. Becker in your prayer, as well as their families. May they and all the faithful departed rest in God's peace and love.

Help is Needed

The Funeral Lunch Ministry of St. Matthew's Church is in need of additional members. Perhaps you have helped in the past and would like to again join our Ministry, we would love to have you back. Maybe you are looking for a Ministry to join and wonder how you can help out; this is a great place to start. Stay at home moms, can you lend a hand while the children at school? Gentlemen, we would appreciate your help too. You would be contact as often or as little as you wish. Please call Corrine Bregman to discuss the details; 651.450.5530.

Christmas Items are Needed

For the 2017 Fall Festival and December Rosary Society Christmas Tea, Boutique and Bake Sale. As you put away this season's Christmas items, please consider donating items that are in good working condition that you no longer use to these two events. You can drop off any items you wish to donate at the Parish Center during the hours it is open. Thank you in advance for your donations.

The Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra

returns to Saint Matthew's and will be performing an hour long family friendly free concert on **Sunday, January 29th at 3:00 pm**. The concert is a birthday tribute to composer John Williams, and will feature music from Raiders of the Lost Ark, ET and Star Wars. Children are welcome and after the concert they will have an opportunity to see the musical instruments up close and talk to the musicians. Coffee and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Weekly Contributions Report

January 1, 2017

Parish Family		Extended Family	
Basket	\$1,026	Religious Retirement	\$20
Envelopes	\$4,096	Human Development	\$20
Holyday Envelopes	\$120	Alumni & Friends	\$100
Vigil Lights	\$29	Total	\$140
Fix-it-Fund Raiser	\$132		
Fuel	\$20		
Mass Stipend	\$30		
Solemnity of Mary	\$412		
Emmanuel Donation	\$270		
Christmas Envelopes	\$405		
Total	\$6,540		

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 14

4:00 pm Pamela Stickler. †
Robert J. Stickler, Sr. †
Lucille Stickler †

Sunday, January 15

10:00 am Our Parish
Kenneth & Anne Helling †

Monday, January 16

8:00 am Art Geis †

Wednesday, January 18

8:00 am Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW
Members

Friday, January 20

8:00 am Priest's Intention

Saturday, January 21

4:00 pm David Andrews †

Sunday, January 22

10:00 am Our Parish
William & Mable Keenan †

Calendar Of Events

Saturday, January 14

4:00 pm Mass
5:00 p.m. Fix it Fund Raiser Dinner SH

Sunday, January 15

10:00 am Mass

Monday Jan. 16- Fri. Jan. 20

5:00-6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes

Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Noon-5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic

Tuesday, January 17

Wednesday, January 18

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic
6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes resume

Thursday, January 19

9:30 am COS Mass at St. Michael

Friday, January 20

Saturday, January 21

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 22

10:00 am Mass

Children's Corner Word Search

J	E	R	I	C	H	O	P	I	U	N	L	L	N	S	Alone	Good
T	K	Q	E	E	C	N	W	N	A	A	E	B	M	X	Jerusalem	Robbers
H	S	E	P	O	J	R	S	T	J	Y	V	U	C	L	Travel	Attack
M	I	E	F	A	J	G	I	F	D	S	A	D	Y	Y	Inn	Kicked
O	B	G	I	D	U	R	D	F	M	Y	R	A	R	S	Samaritan	Walk
C	U	O	A	R	A	G	T	F	E	S	T	R	M	H	Beat	Jericho
Z	H	O	L	M	P	W	D	G	L	T	I	B	O	E	Priest	Stole
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