

**ST. MATTHEW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*All things
come of thee,
O Lord, and
of thine own,
have we
given thee*

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Spirit of St. Matthew's

SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear St. Matthew's Family
and Friends:

Welcome back from our
summer vacations!

This is an exciting time for
St. Matthew's! Our Sunday
worship services are now
filled with beautiful music
by our new organist and
Minister of Music, Owen
Davitt.



We also warmly welcome back The Rev. Robert Solon, as
interim Celebrant and Preacher. His lively and interesting
homilies have been enjoyed by those who are filling the pews.

We continue to have Deacon Jacques Girard to celebrate with
us as an important and long time member of our family.

We expect to receive many more guests now that the music
can flow out of the church for all in our community to hear.

There are many activities happening at St. Matthew's in the
upcoming weeks. Please find more information inside about
everything that's happening.

We hope to see many of our St. Matthew's family and friends
at worship services to share the glory of prayer accompanied
by the wonderful music. Please bring a friend and enjoy the
experience.

The Vestry of St. Matthew's

Sunday, September 8 at St. Matthew's

Owen Davitt is officially inducted by The Rev. Robert Solon and Deacon Jacques Girard as Minister of Music.

Mr. Davitt graduated from Montclair State College and is a public school teacher and has been a church musician since the age of 13. He was hired as Leader of Song at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Montclair and worked there for over ten years. During that time his love of the organ developed and he began to play the organ there as well. He then became Minister of Music at Church of the Holy Communion in Norwood. As an oboist and woodwind doubler, he is the Director of Bands for the Little Falls Board of Education, where he directs over 160 students teaching them how to become better instrumentalists and musicians. In his "free time", he teaches privately and enjoys composing and painting.



Owen will be reconvening the St. Matthew's Church Choir and will be helping to stage community events to invite our neighbors to hear the wonderful music he provides with the hope of joining our congregation.

The Rev. Robert Solon, Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Bob Solon has been in and around the Diocese of Newark for nearly ten years, and most recently was Interim Pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Staten Island. During the week he is Finance Director of Christ Church Bloomfield Glen-Ridge and The Nursery School of Christ Church. Rev. Bob spent some time with us during our last period of clergy search and we are very happy to welcome him back with us for the next few months.





The Celebrants
The Rev. Bob Solon, Deacon Jacques Girard and Sub-Deacon Barbra Joosten



The Rev. Bob Solon blesses the backpacks of Hunter and Zach Sternbach as they start the new school year.



A special "Thank You" to George and Cindy Hahn. George has been our Director of Music every week for many months. He has provided exceptional organ music electronically to accompany our worship service using his computers. Cindy who is now working full time has continued to provide the shelter dinners every other month. She also serves as a Sunday School teacher. Thank you to both of you for your strong commitments to St. Matthew's.

TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Saturday – October 12, 2019
9 A.M. – 5 P.M.
Rain or Shine

Sponsored By:
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
167 Spring Valley Road, Paramus

Tables are available on church grounds for the first 20 sign-ups.

REGISTRATION:

- ~ Per home: \$10
- ~ Church premises: \$15 each table or \$25 for two. Church provides 8 ft tables / only outdoor spaces No cover available/ set-up starts at 7am

For additional info call: (201) 262-5286 or Email: stmatthewsparamus@verizon.net

Parish News

This **September** is a new beginning for St. Matthew's. Our **new music program** has begun with Owen Davitt. Soon he will be looking to start our church choir. There was a very nice group of choir voices a few years ago. Hopefully those folks will come forward and begin again. Pat Johnson, our most faithful voice will be there. Hopefully Rosalind will return. Can we count on Megan? Barbra Joosten has a beautiful voice. George said he would sing with his beautiful baritone if I would sing, so Hey George, I'm in! Maybe Jerry Herrick, the biggest believer in a new music program would lend his voice? Please everyone, consider a new ministry for yourself by singing in the choir. Rehearsal would probably be Sundays after worship. More to come!

A reminder, at the end of our **Sunday Eucharist** service, after the recessional, the organist will be playing a **postlude**. Please remain in your seats to enjoy this music and show respect and appreciation for the organist's exceptional talent.

Our next **Fish & Chips dinner** will take place on Sunday, October 20 from 5-7pm. A flyer is on page 6 for you to cut out and post somewhere where people would see it. Tickets are avail-

The **Town Wide Garage Sale** takes place on Saturday, October 12. A few outdoor tables are available for parishioners to reserve. Bring your tent - the parish hall is rented and we will be outside. More information on page 3.

Shawn Herrick is in the final weeks of his study for his **Masters Degree**. Shawn is a remarkable young man. Besides working full time as the Information Technician for the Borough of Paramus, disc jockeying, and serving as an acolyte, he has been working on this degree. Please keep him in your prayers for a successful completion. We will hear more from Shawn later.

In a few weeks we will begin our **Stewardship Kickoff**. This is the time when we assess our talent, time and treasure to determine how we can contribute to the St. Matthew's community. Consider mentioning our church as you prepare your wills.

The **Shelter Dinner program** has been ongoing for over 30 years. Cindy Hahn has been doing an excellent job preparing these meals, and Janyce Perrone is helping to get them ready for delivery to Paterson. Desserts from parishioners are welcome. The next dinner is on Wednesday, October 9th. If you can help deliver or bring a dessert please be at the parish hall by 5

Happy Anniversary Linda and Skip!



Linda and Skip Cherven receive a blessing from Deacon Jacques Girard on the occasion of their 49th Wedding Anniversary!



Linda Finnegan, Jerry Herrick, Rosalind Reid-Lloyd and Shawn Herrick receive Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

The Newsletter welcomes any contributions you wish to make. If you have a favorite prayer or saying, or some family news or pictures, please share it so that we may all celebrate with you.

Schedule of Events

- } **Sunday, Sept 15 - Pentecost 14** - Holy Eucharist 10 am
- } **Thursday, Sept 19** - Vestry Meeting - 7 pm. All are welcome
- } **Sunday, Sept 22 - Pentecost 15** - Holy Eucharist 10 am St. Matthew's Day Picnic - Stewardship Kickoff
- } **Sunday, Sept 29 - Pentecost 16** - Holy Eucharist 10 am
- } **Wed., Oct 2** - ECW Brown Bag Lunch 12 Noon Hards Room
- } **Sunday, Oct 6 - Pentecost 17** - Holy Eucharist 10 am Blessing of the Animals
- } **Wed., Oct 9** - Shelter Dinner - Leave 5 pm
- } **Thurs. Oct 10** - Vestry Meeting - 7 pm. All are welcome
- } **Saturday, Oct 12** - Town-Wide Garage Sale 9-5 pm
- } **Sunday, Oct 13 - Pentecost 18** - Holy Eucharist 10 am -
- } **Sunday, Oct 20 - Pentecost 19** - Holy Eucharist 10 am Fish & Chips Dinner 5-7 pm
- } **Sunday, Oct 27 - Pentecost 20** - Holy Eucharist 10 am
- } **Sunday, Nov 3 - Pentecost 21** - Holy Eucharist 10 am
- } **Wed., Nov 6** - ECW Brown Bag Lunch 12 Noon Hards Room
- } **Sunday, Nov 10 - Pentecost 22** - Holy Eucharist 10 am

Join us for Genuine English



By Tastefully British

**Fish &
Chips**



Sunday, October 20, 2019

5:00 – 7:00 pm

SPONSORED BY:

**ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
167 Spring Valley Road, Paramus**

**For tickets/information call Janice at 201-262-5286
Or Linda at 201-265-4410 or lindalop@yahoo.com**

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!

No "walk-ins" please.

**Tickets: Donation of \$15.00 Adults
\$10 Children 12 and under**

Chicken available upon request



Birthdays & Anniversaries

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1~Michelle Baccala Klein
 4~Barbra Lewis
 6~ Karla Chebba
 7~Dr. Aaron Yang
 13~Janet Herrick
 14~Betty Nevard
 16~Claudia Yen
 16~Anna Perrone
 17~Linda Morrisette
 31~Bonnie Winters

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1~Suzanne & Walter Ullrich III
 15~Barbra & Bill Joosten
 17~ Steve Evans & Linda LoPresti
 26~Judy & Jim Albro

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2~Jerry Herrick
 3~Joseph Scerbo
 6~Rosalind Reid-Lloyd
 8~Kim Tomasulo
 9~Allison Kulesza
 9~Francesca Lama
 13~James Albro
 16~Dean Chebba
 16~Shawn Herrick
 16~Janice Walker
 22~Sarah Knapp
 24~Janet Lightbody
 27~Maria Lama
 29~Laura Coohill
 29~Ryan Slone

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

19~Kate and Dan Slone

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3~Kitty Kempton
 3~Anthony Perrone
 4~Skip Cherven
 7~Scott Cherven
 11~Patti Godleski
 11~Jennifer Tuzik
 14~Linda Cherven
 17~Becky Joosten Catanzaro
 18~Linda LoPresti
 20~Kathleen Dean
 20~Norma Sontag
 22~Cathy Stephens
 25~Paul Baccala
 25~Chris Chubb
 26~Kristin Pinkerton
 27~Edward Roskowinski
 27~Jennifer Sternbach
 28~Hunter Sternbach
 30~Serafina Tomasulo
 31~Vivian Mark

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

17~Jerry & Janet Herrick
 20~Jean & Joe Scerbo
 25~Mary & Bob Pinkerton
 25~Jennifer and David Sternbach

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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOMES YOU



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Web Editor: Shawn Herrick

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We, the Congregation of St. Matthew's, seek to know the gifts that Christ has given us, to use them as Christ would have us, in a ministry of love and encouragement to each other and the community, with God's help.



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