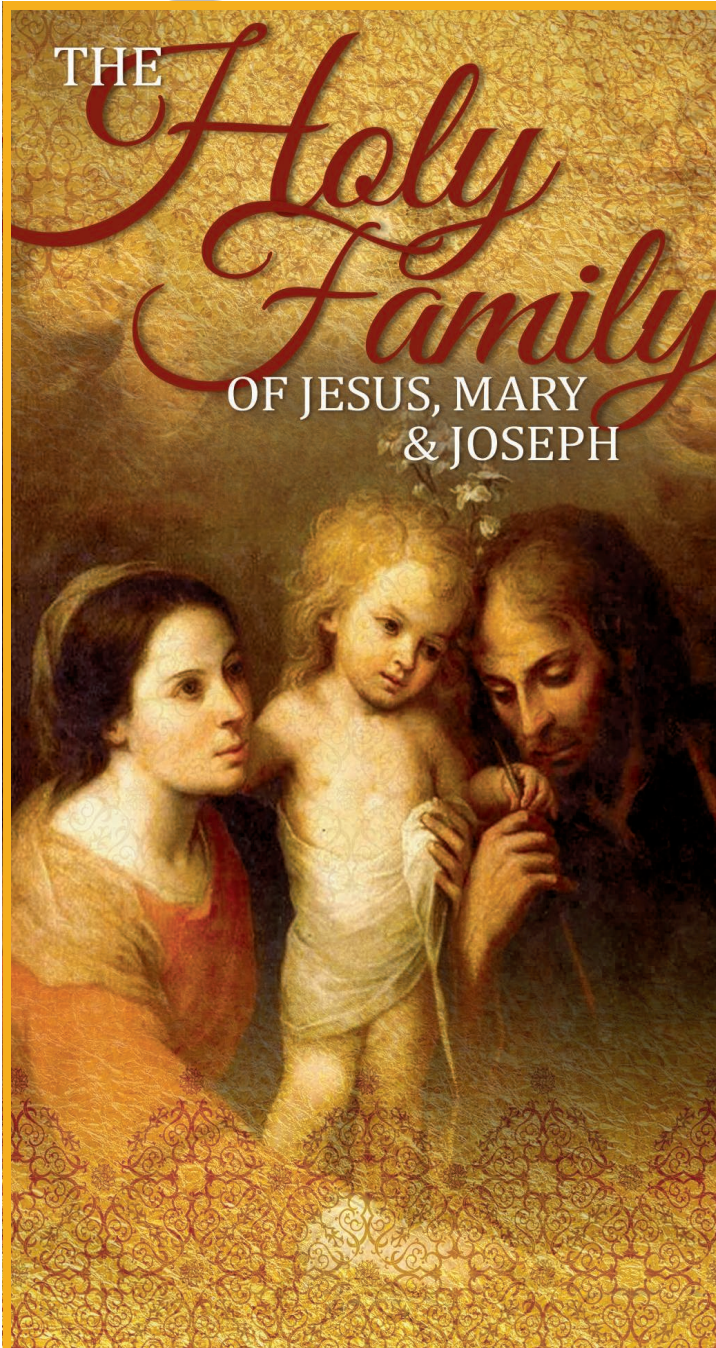




Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

December 31, 2017

Detroit, Michigan



From Father Duane's Desk



Merry Christmas!!! The Christmas celebrations were prayerful and just beautiful. Now that we are well into the Christmas Season, I hope you have time to enjoy family and friends. Given the way the calendar fell this year, we had a short Advent as well as a short

Christmas Season. The Baptism of the Lord is the day after the Feast of the Epiphany (Monday, January 8).

No matter how short the season may seem, time keeps marching on. This week-end, on December 30th, I'll mark my 67th birthday. It's hard to believe I was only 38 years old when I came to St. Matthew Parish. Although it seems like a lifetime ago, the journey of faith has been a good one for me, and I do hope for the parish as well.

As we stand on the brink of another New Year, we anticipate still more growth, more challenges, and successes. We have been adding new parishioners to our community which helps keep us stable, our Christian outreach and service remains strong. Our finances would be more secure if we could sell our school building. That is something I would ask every parishioner to put in their daily prayer intentions. We need to move forward on this issue, and with the help of God (and St. Joseph whom we buried in front of the school), I'm sure our prayers would be answered.

Indeed, we have challenges for the New Year, but none that can't be overcome. I feel strongly in what the theme of our 50th Anniversary stated in 1977, "We are here to stay," and in what our 75th Anniversary theme was in 2002, "What was, What is, and What will be!" What we hope to be is as our Parish Mission Statement directs us, "to be a beacon of light, and a sign of hope" on the eastside of Detroit. (*Please re-visit our Mission Statement displayed in the back vestibule of the church.*)

Our efforts in the New Year should strive for that as we continue to work with the Archdiocese of Detroit to *Unleash the Gospel*.

Happy New Year to all and may your Christmas Season be blessed with peace, joy, and hope in Christ Jesus.

God bless all of you,
Father Duane

MARY
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary
Monday, January 1, 2018, 10 a.m. Mass

Readings for the Week of December 31, 2017

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Heb 11:8, 11-12,
17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/
Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/
Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43
-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
[12a]/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31
-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Christmas Flower Offerings Donated on Behalf of These Loved Ones

In Memory of:

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Mrs. Lucia Matelonek	Mr. Antoni Matelonek
Mrs. Lara Galka (Zebrowski)	Robert & Paul Matelonek
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George Godoshian	Judy Stark
George & Marie Stark	Edward & Agnes Czarnecki
Vaughn H. Adams	Fitzgerald Family
Lee Family	Lisa Lesczynski
Jim & Pat D'Alessandro	Allen Czarnecki
Lorrie Calhoun	Wanda Mort
William & Garnet Bogle	Frank & Cynthia Tegel
Clarence & Mary Merlo	Richard & Shirley Goll
Helen Jaskowski	Aluia Family
Cypriani Family	Genile Family
Strehler Family	William & Cecilia Pilette
Dick Pint	David Pizzimenti
Margaret Stanley	Rita Mielke

In Honor of:

Ashley Guilbault courtesy of Mary Ann Pilette
Yvonne Smith courtesy of Daughter, Kristen Freiburger

Thanks to all of you who remembered your special loved ones and also to all of you who donated to the Christmas Flower Fund in the amount of \$590. Your generosity helped to make our altar very beautiful during the Christmas Season.

Bless us, Lord, this Christmas Season,
with quietness of mind;
Teach us to be patient and always to be kind. Amen.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY ~ 10:00AM

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018

NEW YEAR'S DAY
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
10:00 AM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ~ 10:00 AM

The Holy Family



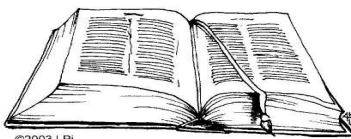
"When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned ... to their own town of Nazareth." Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews who followed the norms of their religion.

Today's Gospel describes the event we call "The Presentation."

Jesus' parents, like every Jewish family, presented their infant son to the Lord in a formal ceremony at the temple in Jerusalem. Having done what their religious rites required (and having heard the prophetic words of Simeon and Anna), Mary and Joseph returned home. It was back in their native region of Galilee, amidst the daily routine of domestic life, that Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."

As Christians, we too consecrate our children to the Lord when we have them baptized in the Church. Seeing our children receive this sacrament of initiation is always a moment of great joy and hope as we anticipate the life that lies ahead for them, both on earth and in eternity. But the baptism of a baby is only the beginning of this journey towards heaven. In truth, the little daily details, the simple living of family life in our own home paves the way for our children to reach their eternal home.

And so it was with the Holy Family. Jesus' childhood, his formation and development took place not primarily amidst the public drama of the temple, but in the quiet privacy of his home. How important this home was, where his parents raised him in their faith and helped him live in such a way that "the favor of God was upon him." May we too, in our homes and our families, remember that although our mission may be lived out in very small moments, taken together they have an eternal significance.



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The Gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren't "perfect" parents. If you have ever been "amazed" and "astonished" at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you "didn't understand" your children or felt "anxious" about their behavior, so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough, but it is also the stuff of holiness.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

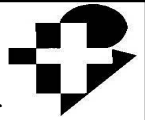
Monday, January 1, 2018 - Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 2, 2018 - No Mass, Parish Rectory Office Closed

Friday, January 5, 2018, 5 pm - Jazz Nite Committee Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

Sunday, January 7, 2018 - following the 10 am Mass, Hospitality Sunday, Church Auditorium

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Marriage and Family Ministry - This Sunday marks the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and is a celebration of the family. Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help support families at all stages.

Catholic marriage is a vocation, a calling from God. Programs and services of the archdiocesan Marriage and Family Ministry Office include marriage preparation, Natural Family Planning, and Women's Ministry. Resources are also available for family and marriage support, those experiencing separation and divorce, and the culture of life.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.aod.org.



**December 30th
Happy Birthday, Father Duane!**

We thank God for you
with an Amen and Alleluia!

May God's Blessings be with you,
may He grant you Good Health, and
may He surround you with His Grace and Love!

St. Ann's Convalescent Center

There is still time to put your cash/check donation in the present-box for the residents of St. Anne's Convalescent Center. Your donation will provide a "gift for the house" to be enjoyed by all the residents of St. Anne's.

*Thank you for your thoughtfulness
and generosity to the shut-ins
of our community...*

A Prayer for our Family

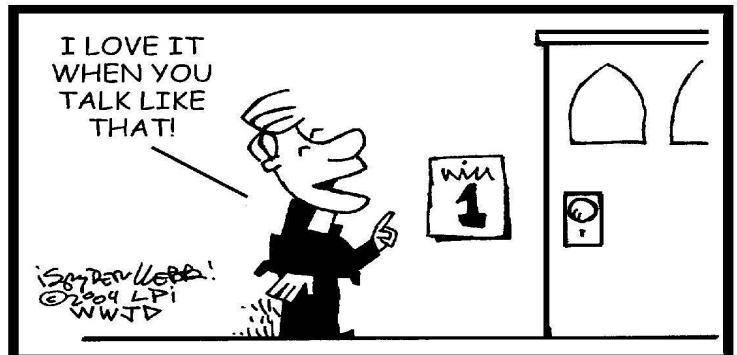
O dear Jesus,
I humbly implore You to grant
Your special graces to our family.
May our home be a Shrine of peace,
purity, love, labor, and faith.
I beg You, dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us,
absent and present, living and dead.

O Mary,
Loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother,
pray to Jesus for our family,
for all the families of the world,
to guard the cradle of the newborn,
the schools of the young and their vocations.

Blessed Saint Joseph,
Holy guardian of Jesus and Mary,
assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life.
Ask of Jesus that special grace
which He granted to you, to watch over our home
at the pillow of the sick and the dying,
so that with Mary and with you,
heaven may find our family unbroken,
joined within the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Amen.

The Christmas Season may be a time of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a time of remembrance, a time in which we think of everything we have ever loved. (excerpted from Augusta E. Rundel)

NEW YEAR



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Dennis Costello ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*
Dan McBride ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*

WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation	By Appointment
Holydays	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

In your prayers...

Please remember those in our parish and in our families who are sick or in need of our prayers.

Chuck Schuster
Bienvenido Fajardo
Lolita Dorado
Rita Moroni
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Virginia Fajardo
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Regina Butler
Kurt Beghuyn
Rose Colombo
Laura Bush-Terry
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Keith Wilk
Eileen Haddy

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Janet Bielman
Janet Law

LECTORS

Saturday, January 6, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Patrick Lusch

SERVERS

Ian Campbell
Kiley Dulapa

Sunday, January 7, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Beverly Goll
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu
Veronica Obianwu
Greg Redman
Jean Solomon

Liz Foley-Dunstone

Mary E. Dunstone
Lauren Gross
Mary Pocius

Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 30th - Vigil: Feast of the Holy Family

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Fr. Duane Novelly, The Families of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, December 31st - Feast of the Holy Family

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Judy Stark, Chief Anthony Anyanwu Afirih,

Monday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, New Year's Day

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, The People of St. Matthew Parish

Tuesday, January 2nd - Sts. Basil the Great, & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Wednesday, January 3rd - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Thursday, January 4th - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Friday, January 5th - St. John Neumann, Bishop

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Saturday, January 6th - Vigil: Feast of the Epiphany

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, The People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, January 7th - Feast of the Epiphany

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Zilinski Family, Judy Stark

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New Year

full of blessings



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