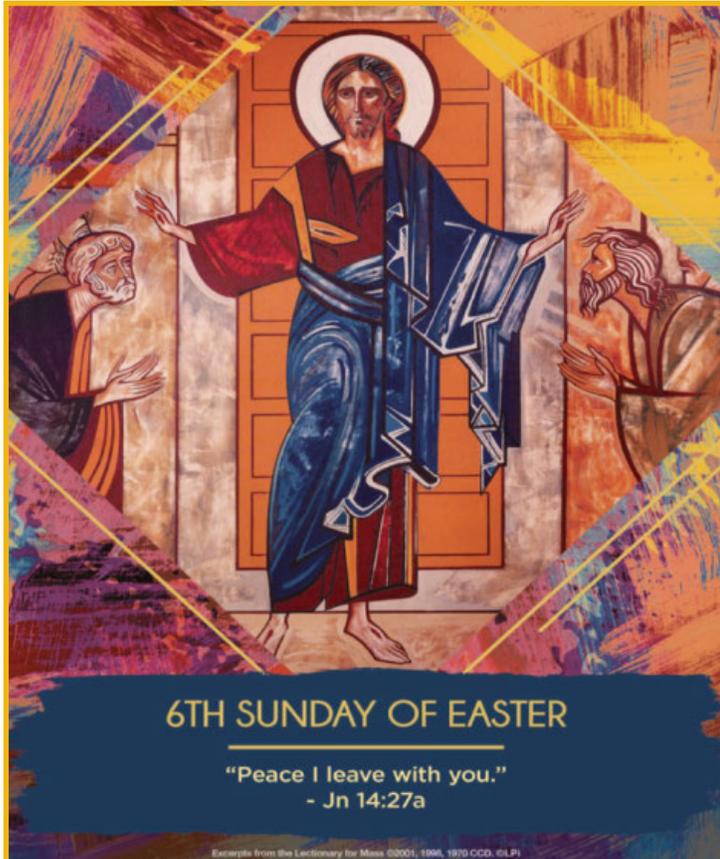




# Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

May 22, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



## From Father Duane's Desk

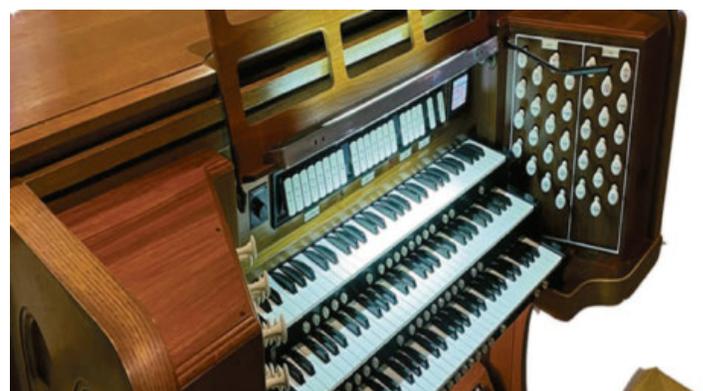
What a marvelous day we had last Sunday at our Organ Dedication Concert! We estimate there were about 225 in attendance, mostly faces we hadn't seen before. So the word through our publicity obviously went out. The performance by our three organists was superb. And the addition of the loft camera which allowed the hand and foot work to be seen on the screen in front of the altar made for a most interesting concert. The music program was framed in a liturgical setting; with congregational singing, a Scripture reading, a reflection, and, of course, the solemn blessing of the instrument.

Our Hospitality Committee did a wonderful job, and the auditorium looked great with a keyboard theme of black and white. It was just a wonderful day; as our announcement indicated, it was a unique experience. If it was missed, you truly missed a one-of-a-kind event.

A special thanks to the Committee, the volunteers who helped on the day, and to Patrick Lusch who guided us through the publishing of the commemorative booklet and the technology. Most especially to all who supported us through sponsorships, business ads, and donations.

I give thanks to God for all who made this day and the fundraiser possible.

God bless all of you,  
Father Duane



## Readings for the Week of May 22, 2022

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/  
Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/  
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13,  
14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-  
20  
*Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/  
Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/  
Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday:  
*Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
[6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/  
Lk 24:46-53  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 7:55-60/  
Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-  
17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

## **6th Sunday of Easter**

Jesus tells his disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” The peace that Jesus gives is far different than the kind that comes from the absence of war, conflict, or affliction. The peace that God offers is found alongside suffering and hardship, not necessarily in their absence. St. Teresa of Avila offers us a bit of wisdom regarding peace: “May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us.”

In order for us to experience the divine peace that Jesus offers, we have to allow God’s presence to settle into our bones! It is only when this happens that we can be truly taught by the Holy Spirit to discern the true path to peace and find ourselves with untroubled hearts. The world and our lives are so unpredictable and changeable. If we look for a source of lasting and real peace only there, our search will never be satisfied. Something will always unsettle and disturb us. The Jewish disciples could really relate to what Jesus was saying about peace (shalom). They already knew that it was more a matter of achieving wholeness and wellbeing than anything else.

Wholeness and wellbeing are precisely what is uncovered when we begin to really see and know the height, depth, and breadth of God’s presence and promise. The elegance of God’s Divine life flows through our blood and the marrow in our bones. It is that close and deep. As we breathe in and exhale God’s life, peace becomes what we know within and what is exhaled out. This remains in the midst of intense conflict, persecution, suffering, rejection, and even death.



## **St. Augustine of Canterbury’s Story**

In the year 596, some 40 monks set out from Rome to evangelize the Anglo-Saxons in England. Leading the group was Augustine, the prior of their monastery. Hardly had he and his men reached Gaul when they heard stories of the ferocity of the Anglo-Saxons and of the treacherous waters of the English Channel. Augustine returned to Rome and to Gregory the Great—the pope who had sent them—only to be assured by him that their fears were groundless.

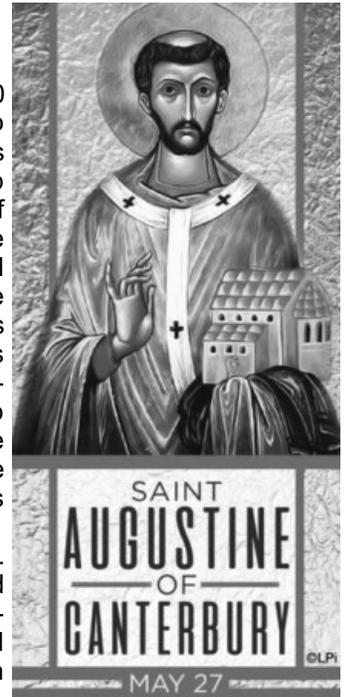
Augustine set out again. This time the group crossed the English Channel and landed in the territory of Kent, ruled by King Ethelbert, a pagan married to a Christian, Bertha.

Ethelbert received them kindly, set up a residence for them in Canterbury and within the year, on Pentecost Sunday 597, was himself baptized. After being consecrated a bishop in France, Augustine returned to Canterbury, where he founded his see. He constructed a church and monastery near where the present cathedral, begun in 1070, now stands. As the faith spread, additional sees were established at London and Rochester.

Work was sometimes slow, and Augustine did not always meet with success. Attempts to reconcile the Anglo-Saxon Christians with the original Briton Christians—who had been driven into western England by Anglo-Saxon invaders—ended in dismal failure. Augustine failed to convince the Britons to give up certain Celtic customs at variance with Rome and to forget their bitterness, helping him evangelize their Anglo-Saxon conquerors.

Laboring patiently, Augustine wisely heeded the missionary principles—quite enlightened for the times—suggested by Pope Gregory: purify rather than destroy pagan temples and customs; let pagan rites and festivals be transformed into Christian feasts; retain local customs as far as possible. The limited success Augustine achieved in England before his death in 605, a short eight years after his arrival, would eventually bear fruit long after in the conversion of England. Augustine of Canterbury can truly be called the “Apostle of England.” Saint Augustine of Canterbury is the Patron Saint of: England.

*Reflection: Augustine of Canterbury comes across today as a very human saint, one who could suffer like many of us from a failure of nerve. For example, his first venture to England ended in a big U-turn back to Rome. He made mistakes and met failure in his peacemaking attempts with the Briton Christians. He often wrote to Rome for decisions on matters he could have decided on his own had he been more self-assured. He even received mild warnings against pride from Pope Gregory, who cautioned him to “fear lest, amidst the wonders that are done, the weak mind be puffed up by self-esteem.” Augustine’s perseverance amidst obstacles and only partial success teaches today’s apostles and pioneers to struggle on despite frustrations and be satisfied with gradual advances.*



## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Saturday, May 21, and Sunday, May 22,**  
- Pregnancy Aid Mother's Day Layette Continues

**Monday, May 30, 9 am** - Memorial Day Mass, Rectory Office Closed

### The Organ Dedication Concert

It was **AWESOME!** St. Matthew's beautiful church was truly filled with "the sound of music." We are so grateful to our organists, Rob Abbott, Ron Prowse, and Joe Balistreri, who with their God-given talents brought to life the music of classical and contemporary composers. All the more exciting was the placement of a projector screen at the front of the church which allowed a camera to show the hand and foot movements of the musicians as they played their selections. What a wonderful experience, one never to be repeated.

The reading, reflection, and, of course, the blessing of the "King of Instruments" brought a liturgical feel to the event. We were truly blessed that day!

The after-glow provided an opportunity for our guests to enjoy a beverage and a treat. The organists were available for a Meet and Greet. It was truly a moment of fellowship!

We thank all those who gave of their time that day and to the planning. Most especially to Patrick Lusch, who from his remote location, provided support and coordination producing the commemorative booklet and to Joe Balistreri, who organized the musicians and refined the program.

The **greeters** included Lena Coen, Mary Anne Pilette, Sharon Mielke, Beverly Goll, Emily Petrylka, Joe and Mary Zainea, and Laurie Striebel. The **ushers** included Dennis Costello, Dan McBride, Bill Ridella, and Jerry Mielke. The **ushers/greeters** included Jerry Mielke, Michele and Ed Assad. Our **parking lot assistants** were Marty O'Neill, Parker O'Neill, David Gross, Andrew Petrylka, Alex Petrylka, and Dennis Hermann as overseer. The **clean-up crew** included Mary Adams, Lynn Gross, Emily Petrylka, Andrew Petrylka, Alex Petrylka, Beverly Goll, Bob Lavoy, and Dennis Hermann.

A special thank you goes to Jennifer Khalifah who took charge of the treats; the cupcakes, the cheeses, crackers, fruits, dip, and coffee; to her helper, Kelly Bruno; and to the wine bar crew, Kathy Lozon and her fellow Saturday Mass choir members. Another thank you to the Planning Committee who made every meeting and also set up the decorations in the auditorium, Gerianne LaPratt and Donna Bolz.

And, as always, we owe a debt of gratitude to Father Duane, our biggest cheerleader and who keeps everyone on track.

God bless all who helped, who gave, who came, and who prayed for our success!



## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



**KICK-OFF CONTINUES** - This is the last week to pick up your CSA packet. Please see the CSA Committee person at the back vestibule for your personal packet of information on the 2022 CSA Campaign.

The parish is setting an internal target of \$36,000 again this year in an effort to double-down on our AoD target of \$18,500. This additional target goal helps St. Matthew meet its financial responsibilities. Prayerfully consider a pledge to the CSA. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



### Mother's Day Layette For Pregnancy Aid

This year we are holding our annual Mother's Day Layette from **May 14 and 15 to May 21 and 22** for Pregnancy Aid who offer new mother services, counseling, medical help, and, of course, the necessities for baby care.

The bassinette is placed at the Blessed Mother's altar to accept your donations. It has also been suggested that gift cards to Meier, Walmart, and Aldi would be welcome in any amount. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please enclose your check (no cash) in an envelope clearly marked "Pregnancy Aid." The most needed items are below, but anything you can do is most appreciated.

- Diapers, sizes 4 and 5
  - Girls' clothes, sizes 0 to 12 months
  - Receiving blankets
  - Baby afghans, caps (knitted, crocheted, or fabric)
  - Onesies or baby sleepers, sizes 0 to 6 months
  - Baby bottles
  - Baby hygiene products; wipes, shampoos, soaps, and lotions (*no talcum powder*)
  - Baby bibs, wash cloths, and towels
- Please be generous in this effort for they are truly dependent on the goodness and kindness of others in their ministry.

### A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

**GOD OF LOVE,  
OUR WORLD IS WROUGHT WITH WAR AND  
VIOLENCE, AS BROTHER TURNS ON BROTHER,  
AND THE INNOCENT AWAKE  
TO GUNFIRE AND BOMBS.  
MAY YOUR COMPASSION AND HEALING  
MOVE HEARTS AND BRING A NEW DAY  
TO UKRAINE.  
FORTIFY YOUR CHILDREN  
TO RESIST AGGRESSION  
AND INSTEAD BECOME INSTRUMENTS  
OF PEACE.  
WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF THE ONE WHO IS  
THE PRINCE OF PEACE, JESUS CHRIST.  
AMEN.**

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### 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.*

Anthony Mastronardi  
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# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

## SERVERS

Saturday, May 28, 2022, 4:30 p.m.  
Bryan Jones Bruce Campbell

Sunday, May 29, 2022, 10:00 a.m.  
Liz Foley-Dunstone Lauren Gross  
Julia Zuerblis

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2022, 9:00 a.m.  
Bill Zuerblis Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday, May 21 - Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
4:30 p.m. - Joe Petrylka (1st Anniv)

**Sunday, May 22 - Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
10:00 a.m. - Faustina (Nenette) Ferreria

**Monday, May 23 -**

**Tuesday, May 24 -**  
9:00 a.m. - For Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**Wednesday, May 25 - St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope;  
St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin**

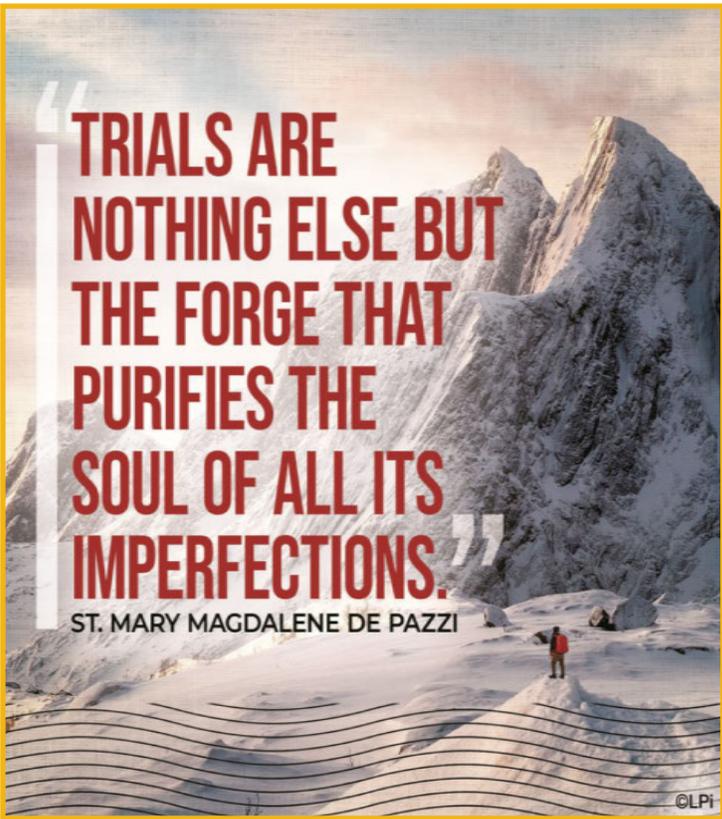
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

**Thursday, May 26 - St. Philip, Neri, Priest**

**Friday, May 27 -**  
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Saturday, May 28 - Vigil: Ascension of the Lord**  
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

**Sunday, May 29 - Ascension of the Lord**  
10:00 a.m. - For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and  
Consecrated Life



“TRIALS ARE  
NOTHING ELSE BUT  
THE FORGE THAT  
PURIFIES THE  
SOUL OF ALL ITS  
IMPERFECTIONS.”

ST. MARY MAGDALENE DE PAZZI

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