



## ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

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### Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM                      Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – please check each week's schedule

### Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM              Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

### Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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## THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 19, 2020

### SUNDAY COLLECTION – July 5 & July 12

July 5: \$1,175
July 12: \$1,121

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

THE 16 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. July 18	5:00 PM	Special Int. of Christine Wethington
Sun. July 19	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon July 20		NO MASS
Tue July 21	8:30 AM	Special Int. For Charles Barbian
Wed July 22	6:30 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Thur July 23		NO MASS
Fri July 24	8:30 AM	Special Int. For Charlie & JoAnn King
THE 17 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. July 25	5:00 PM	Special Int. For Rhonda Ann Cross
Sun. July 26	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish

### PRAYER LIST

Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Yandell Schneider, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, David Roland, Steve Elmlinger, Richard Bacon, Albert Proctor, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Ken Steffen, and everyone touched by the Corona virus.

*Please send any prayer requests to the parish email, drop a note in the basket, or contact Linda Fryman.*

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Birthdays** - July 24—Kevin Cooper, July 25—Warren Richardson, July 28—Darlene Schutte, July 31—Summer Gullion

**Anniversaries** - July 28—Bill & Rita Funke, July 31—Clifford & Terri Straub

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASKS – Bishop Foys has mandated the wearing of masks for those attending Mass. We ask for your patience and prayers as we continue to deal with the coronavirus.

DPAA –You should have received a letter in the mail from the diocese on behalf of the DPAA. This important collection to support the work of the diocese will be conducted through the mail. Please be generous in helping us reach our goal. Please prayerfully consider pledging and contributing to this cause.

Parish Goal: \$10,700      Total Commitments (as of June 30): \$4,110

MASS VIEWINGS – There is a link to our videotaped Mass through our website ([www.stmatthewskenton.org](http://www.stmatthewskenton.org)) if you are unable to get to Mass or know anyone who cannot attend. You can also watch Mass on your TV – the Cathedral Mass is broadcast on MeTV channel 5.2 Sundays at 5:00PM, or on the following websites: *WatchTheMass.com*, *EWTN.com*, *TheSundayMass.org*

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN – Care Net is once again conducting its Baby Bottle Campaign. The bottles are in the back of church and have also been placed outside the church doors for those who are not yet attending Mass. Please return all bottles with your donations by Sunday, August 2.

CONTRIBUTIONS – Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly offerings for our collection. Any and all help is greatly appreciated, as the bills continue to come regardless of health or economic status. We cannot keep our church open without your help!

RAFFLE TICKETS & FESTIVAL – Our raffle tickets should be coming in soon. We will make a determination on the status of our September festival soon as well. We'll need all the help we can get to make our festival go well!

READINGS – With the new format for the bulletin, we will no longer be posting the schedule of readings for daily Mass. You can find this schedule posted on the US bishops' website ([usccb.org](http://usccb.org); look for the calendar in the bottom right) or you can grab one of the *The Word Among Us* booklets available in the back of church.

## FROM THE PRIEST – ON REVELATION

Welcome to our new bulletin! In discussing this with others and looking at our resources, I felt this new format would be more helpful in production and distribution. My thanks to Linda Fryman for her work in transferring everything over.

I will provide a small column in each week's bulletin either to aid what I may preach about or for a series of short teachings on subjects or to communicate something I feel needs to be communicated in writing, especially with so many still away from attending Sunday Mass. If you have anything you'd like to see in this column in the future, please feel free to let me know. I want to take the next few columns to discuss how it is we know the truth that has been given to us by Jesus Christ and is necessary for salvation.

Human beings are rational creatures: we have the capacity within our intellect to discern and understand many of the processes and principles behind the universe we know and experience on a daily basis. We not only grasp the inner workings of the atom and the body, but also the depths of the universe in the stars and galaxies thousands of light years away. Yet there are some truths or principles that are so important and so essential to our well being that God, in His divine providence and wisdom, does not merely leave the task of discovering these truths up to us.

This is the principle of revelation: “God’s communication of himself, by which he makes known the mystery of his divine plan, a gift of self-communication which is realized by deeds and words over time, and most fully by sending us his own divine Son, Jesus Christ” (from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*). The all-good and all-loving God who created us knows our frailty due to sin and does not leave us to our own devices. God reveals Himself to us that we may know Him and His desire for us so that we may know who are meant to be.

This revelation or self-communication comes in a variety of forms: from the wonders and order of creation, to God’s initial communication with man when He created our first parents, to the various prophets who spoke the word of the Lord to the first believers of ancient Israel. But all of these pale in comparison to the final, complete, and fullest revelation God offers in the Word whom He sent to speak this revelation to us: Jesus Christ.

“In these days, [God] hath spoken to us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the world.” (Hebrews 1:2) What Jesus preaches and teaches and proclaims is not merely his own opinion, but the revelation of who God is, what God wants for us, and what we are to do in return. Let us indeed listen to God speaking to us in His Son Jesus Christ and live these words out each day so that we may be worthy to see God face to face forever.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*