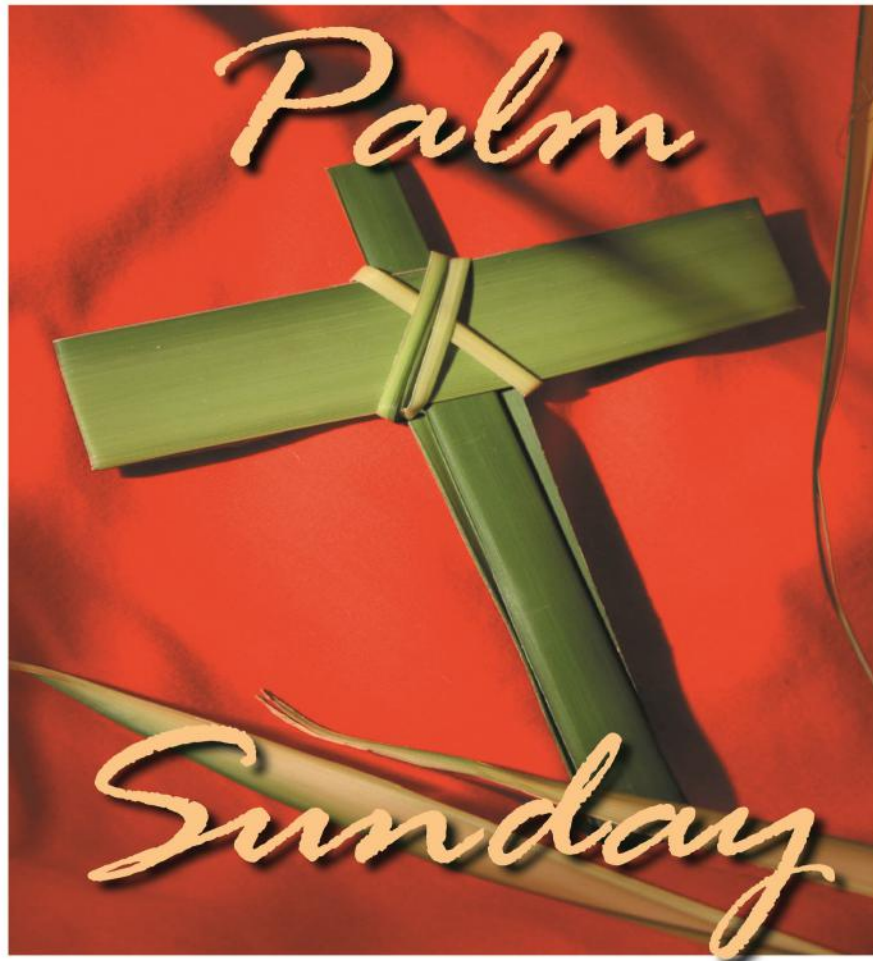


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*~ Mission Statement ~*

*St. Matthew Parish is a Joyful Roman Catholic Community.*

*"We promise to build on our rich Catholic heritage and faith, evangelizing in our community. We believe Our Lord calls us to be His true disciples and live as one body in Christ. We will center ourselves in the Eucharist and honor God by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. We will build a welcoming, multicultural gathering of the faithful that will be a beacon of light to the world."*

# ~ St. Matthew Parish Directory ~

***Pastor: Reverend Ronald J. Bengford***

***Pastor Emeritus: Reverend James R. Collins***

## ~ Mass Schedule ~

~THE LORD'S DAY MASSES~

**SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00PM ~ SUNDAY MORNING 7:45AM and 10:30AM**

### DAILY MASS

7:00AM Monday-Friday

### HOLY DAY MASSES

7:00AM and 6:30PM

### CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00PM-3:45PM or by Appointment

### RECTORY OFFICE:

**15 Frances Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02910**

**Telephone: (401) 461-7172      Email: stmatthewri@cox.net**

**Hours of Operation: OPEN BY E-MAIL & PHONE ONLY-NO WALK IN'S**

Barbara DiLibero: Office Administrator/Bookkeeper ~ Pedro Quinillia: Maintenance

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Marissa M. Maroni: Organist/Director of Music

### BAPTISM

Baptisms usually take place on the first Sunday of the month, after the 10:30AM Mass. Please call the office to register in the parish family. See Fr. Bengford after Mass to schedule a Baptism date.

### SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

To be a Godparent at a Baptism, or a sponsor at a Confirmation, or witness at a Marriage is a privilege not a right. The following requirements are necessary:

A registered member of a parish, Weekly Mass attendance is a must! If married it must be according to Catholic Church Law. You must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please see Fr. Bengford after Mass for a sponsor form.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

We are delighted to be a part of your special day. Please see Fr. Bengford after Mass, at least one year in advance of your wedding. Classes and preparation are mandatory and required.

*A Message From The* **PASTOR** ©JPPC

Dear Parishioners,

I hope and pray you are all well and surviving this pandemic. This weekend begins the holiest week of our liturgical year. Happy Palm Sunday! Palm will be available at the rear door of the church on Francis Avenue on Sunday morning 04.05.2020 between 8-10AM Please drive up, keeping 6 feet of social distance, select your palm and return to your car, **do not linger**; so all parishioners have an opportunity (group of 5 or less). I will be outside to offer a blessing. I will then celebrate Mass at 10:30AM on our website. *stmatthewri.org* This bulletin goes to press on Monday this week, and the situation is fluid, so please watch the website for up to date details and cancellations if new restrictions are ordered by the Governor and Bishop, we must abide for public safety reasons and we may have to cancel Palm distribution.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 all of our public Holy Week Liturgies have been cancelled. I will privately celebrate Holy Week Liturgies here at St. Matthew's in this most grace filled week. All of your intentions will be honored.

Sadly, Easter Sunday Masses are cancelled at the direction of Bishop Tobin. I will be celebrating an Easter Mass next Sunday 04.12.2020 at 10:30AM. The link is on *stmatthewri.org*. **Zoom Meeting 492 319 109** Have a very Blessed Holy Week. Please stay safe and stay well.

God Bless,

*Fr. Bengford*

P.S. The office is open by phone and email during this crisis. Please call 461-7172 or email *stmatthewri@cox.net* and Barbara will respond to your request.

Sign up for Parish Giving online to support to St. Matthew in this critical time. We have many bills that need to be paid. Thank you.

We now have an official Facebook page- **St. Matthew Church** if you have FB please join our group.

**PARISH SUPPORT**


Please continue to support St. Matthew Church through on line giving and perhaps mailing your budget envelopes to 15 Frances Avenue, Cranston RI 02910. We count on your financial support to keep us solvent in these trying times.

Thank you for your continued generosity and God Bless. Stay Safe and Stay Well.

<b>March 29, 2020</b>	<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$284.00</b>
<b>Mail in budgets</b>		<b>\$3,488.00</b>

**COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE**

- ◆ Monday April 6, 2020 – cancelled
- ◆ Monday April 13, 2020 – cancelled
- ◆ Monday April 20, 2020 – cancelled
- ◆ Monday April 27, 2020 – Team 4



*\*If you are unable to count on your scheduled week please call for a replacement. Thank you!*

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<b>YTD 04/05/2020</b>	<b>\$9,490.00</b>



## THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is not the actual physical reception of the Eucharistic Host which we do so when we approach the Communion Rail at Holy Mass. A spiritual communion is a devotion that we can perform on our own whether we are at Mass and not receiving the Eucharist sacramentally or if we are anywhere else. We may make an Act of Spiritual Communion while watching a broadcast of the Mass on the Internet or even in our morning or evening prayers.

As His Holiness Pope Pius XII wrote in *Mediator Dei*, we may make this pious devotion in any place and at any time so long as we do so with “renewed faith, reverence, humility and in complete trust in the goodness of the divine Redeemer,” and so long as we are “united to Him in the spirit of the most ardent charity.” As a result, through a spiritual communion, we embrace Our Lord as if we receive Him sacramentally. Only those in the state of grace should make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

Requirements for an Act of Spiritual Communion-

The enumerated four requirements as set down by the Church for those who wish to make a profitable Act of Spiritual Communion:

1st - Repentance

2nd - Firm belief that Christ died for them.

3rd - Remembrance of the benefits coming from Christ's Sacrifice

4th - Thankfulness



As a result, to make a truly profitable Act of Spiritual Communion, we must prepare for this Act, say an Act of Spiritual Communion, and then speak to Our Lord with the same spirit as if we had just received Him at Holy Mass. An Act of Spiritual Communion should not be treated as just one of our many daily prayers. It must be treated as an altogether unique prayer just as Holy Communion is the most august of all Sacraments!

## THE ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.

Amen.



## Palm Sunday Prayer

Matthew 21:1-11; Psa 118:1-2; Psa 118:19-29

Lord God,  
I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless.  
Here I stand, at the start of this holy week,  
This week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death,  
And I am distracted by many things.  
Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name  
The one who opens the gates of righteousness  
The one who answers when we call.  
I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,  
And for sending your son to us, in human frailty.  
To walk the road we walk.  
Open my eyes that I may see him coming,  
And may praise him with a pure heart.  
And may walk in the way of his suffering,  
And share also in his resurrection.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.  
Amen.



**SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2020**

**4:00PM PASCO GRIECO** *Birthday by family*  
**DIVINIA GRACIA, PERDIGUEROS & APOON** *by family*

**SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2020~Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**7:45AM MARIA dosPRAZERES & ANIBAL PEREIRA** *by son*  
**DECEASED MEMBERS OF BARTA & MICHAUD**  
**FAMILIES** *by son Louis*

**10:30AM GERONIMA & MANO PEREIRA** *by Maria Coelho*  
**FRAGOSO & SIMAO FAMILIES** *by the Fragoso family*

**MONDAY APRIL 6, 2020**

**7:00AM MORNING MASS**

**TUESDAY APRIL 7, 2020**

**7:00AM MORNING MASS**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 2020**

**7:00AM WILLIAM & GERALD AYLESWORTH**

**THURSDAY APRIL 9, 2020**

**7:00PM MASS OF THE LORDS SUPPER**

**FRIDAY APRIL 10, 2020**

GOOD FRIDAY NO MASSES

**SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2020**

**7:30PM CARLOS FERNANDES** *by grandchildren*

**SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2020~Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**7:45AM JOE COELHO** *by parents, brother, sister*  
**PASCO GRIECO** *by the family*  
**10:30AM FRANK, MARIE & SHARON PLUTZNER** *by the family*  
**MARIA ANTUNES & ARMINDA ALMEDIA** *by family*

**REMINDER:**

ALL MASS INTENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN BOOKED ARE BEING HONORED. FR. BENGFORD IS CELEBRATING A PRIVATE MASS EACH DAY. YOU MAY TO CALL THE OFFICE TO RESCHEDULE MASSES OR CANDLES IF YOU SO DESIRE.



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*Burns in Memory of*

**JOE ANDRADE &  
MANUEL CARVALHO**

*By Jaime & Palmira*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2020:**

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11  
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25  
Thursday: Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15  
Friday: Is 52:13 – 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 – 19:42  
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 – 2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22;  
b) Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11;  
c) Ex 14:15 – 15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18;  
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13;  
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;  
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;  
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;  
h) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
i) Mt 28:1-10  
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

**WEEKLY ON LINE MASS**

**ST. MATTHEW CHURCH**

Fr. Bengford will celebrate an online Mass every Sunday at 10:30AM until the COVID-19 Crisis is over.

**Go to [stmatthewri.org](http://stmatthewri.org) and click on the link.**

Check our new Facebook Page 'St. Matthew Church' for information, notices and to watch Masses. We will get through this together!

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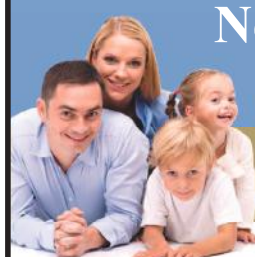
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