



## **Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Church**

*“Rich in Tradition, United in Mission, Blessed with Diversity.”*

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### **Parish office hours:**

Monday – Friday: 9 AM – 5 PM

Closed on holidays.



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### **Parish office hours:**

By appointment only; please contact us before visiting!

## **January 7, 2024 - Feast of the Epiphany**

**Mass Times:** Weekends – Saturday at 5 PM (Vigil Mass at Saint Matthew)



Sunday at 9 and 11:30AM (Saint Matthew)– livestream on middle Sundays

11 AM (Blessed Sacrament) – livestream on first and last Sundays

Weekdays – Monday -Thursday at 12 noon (all in the IOSC Chapel)

### **Confessions:**

Saturday at 3 PM (Saint Matthew) or by appointment with Fr. Matt.

### **Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Anointing of the Sick, and RCIA:**

Please contact the church office.



Get in touch with us!

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### **New Parishioners (Saint Matthew):**

You can find a registration form [on our website](#) or contact the church office. Please indicate if you wish to receive envelopes. *All Parishioners are encouraged to use GiveCentral online giving (preferred). It is easy, free, and safe to use!* You can find more details on the flyer on our website. To register, please visit [www.stmatthewbaltimore.org/onlinegiving/](http://www.stmatthewbaltimore.org/onlinegiving/) Contact our office if you need any assistance!



# January 7, 2024 Feast of the Epiphany



Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Feast of the Epiphany! This day we hear about the three magi/wise men/kings who visit Bethlehem to see the newborn king of kings. At a deeper level this celebration is all about God manifesting, through Jesus, the love of God and salvation for every human being. The Gospel is the Good News for all and not a secret for just a few. This is why we should always be evangelizing, which is sharing the love of Jesus Christ through our words and actions with everyone we meet. Welcoming them and inviting them into a life transforming relationship with Jesus through the Word of God and the Sacraments of the Church. This is done in the beautiful and diverse faith community of St. Matthew and Blessed Sacrament.

As we look ahead to this year we should be clear that there are a few things that will dominate and define this year. On a national level we prepare ourselves for the turmoil of an election year and commit ourselves to peace and respect for everyone. On a state level the respect for life, especially unborn life, will be a contentious issue that we must approach with compassion and charity. At an Archdiocesan level we have the decision of chapter 11 reorganization that we pray will bring some help and healing to as many victim survivors as possible, but is also a source of scandal and sorrow. For the urban church the biggest issue this year will be our renewal efforts of Seek the City, which will necessitate change for every Catholic Church in Baltimore. On a local level of our pastorate, we finally find some really good news – it is our pastorate celebration of St. Matthew’s 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Focusing on this happy anniversary might be a great way to not be overwhelmed by the struggles that we will endure together this coming year. Looking forward to working with the Pastoral Council, staff, and all of us to come up with some good ideas to celebrate the unique and wonderful St. Matthew Church.

God Love you!  
Fr. Matt

Sunday, January 7th

9:00AM:

11:30 AM:

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

Monday, January 8th

12:00PM: **Paul Tran**

Tuesday, January 9th

12:00PM: **Holy Souls in Purgatory**

Wednesday, January 10th

12:00PM: **Paul Tran**

Thursday, January 11th

12:00 PM: **Holy Souls in Purgatory**

Saturday, January 13th

5:00PM: **Mary Tran**

*“In memory of those who have lost their lives to violence in Baltimore City recently, may God grant them peace, and bring healing to their loved ones and to the City of Baltimore, we pray.”*

**Here are the names of the homicide victims from Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>:**

Meron Benjamin, 44

### *Saint Matthew and Blessed Sacrament prayer list:*

*Lance Ambrose, Lauren Andrews, Bonnie Bethea, The Biemer family, Jovita Biemer, Ryan Blom, Gene and Andrea Bryant, Lorraine Campbell, the Capel family, Connie Carter, Kathleen Casey, Peter Celli, Stephen Cleghorn, Kathy Cornish, Justin Correlli, David Cox, Debbie Cvach, Monica Dent, Ellen Dunn, Elizabeth Evans, Karen Fitzpatrick, Charles Focht, Chris Fritze, Mary Gombert, Seaton Haney, Henry Holden, the Holland family, Agnes Hvisc, Danny Jenkins, Janet Kienzle, Jim & Marge Kerner, Hyacinth Lee-Young, Jerry and Fay Litchenwalter, Selby Long, Linda McDevitt, Keith McQuay, Austyn and Stephanie Merritt, Kenga Merritt, Barbara Metz, Cindy Metz, Jean Metz, John Murphy, Ronald Myers, Wilma Myles, Dominic Napolitano, Kathy Novak, Tommy Oswald, Ruth Paine, Lewis Payne, Paul Pedone, Kelly Peters, Morien Perry, Veronica Ragsdale, Nancy Renner, Sr. Andre Rothschild, Naomi Rouse, Evelyn Ruffin, Nancy Ruscito, Caroline Scheide, Howard Scott, Archer Senft, Mark Solomon, Rosalind Spruill, Myrtle Stanley, Lizette Tirado, Lillie Thompson, Mary Ellen Vanni, Kimberly Ann Vesley-Grimes, Steve Wallace, Stephanie Washington, Abby Werthmann, Amanda Widro, Mary Catharine Winter, Marie Yingling, Rose Zampogna, Sharon Zepp, and Jim and Teresa Zinkhan*

**St. Matthew's Offertory and Electronic Funds Transaction (EFT) Report  
and  
Blessed Sacrament Offertory Report**

*We are starting to include our financial information to let you know how we are doing month to month. So far this year due to some unexpected facility issues we are running at a budget deficit.*

*Thank you as always for your generosity!*

Month	ST. MATTHEW		BLESSED SACRAMENT	
	December	January	December	January
<b>Offertory Envelopes</b>	\$6,981.75	\$3,582.25	\$2,813	\$705
<b>Loose Offertory</b>	\$4,776	\$2,476	\$685	\$358
<b>EFT Offertory</b>	\$7,604	\$13,978	Blessed Sacrament does not use Give Central or any online giving.	
<b>Total</b>	\$19,361.75	\$19,856.25	\$3,498	\$2,079

Cardinal Shehan's Silent Auction  
January 19, 2024



Some items to donate to the silent auction are:

cash, gift card, gift basket, etc.  
Email Ms. Wells if you would like to participate.

[jwells@cradinalshehanschool.org](mailto:jwells@cradinalshehanschool.org)

A big "Thank you" to everyone who purchased Fair Trade products in December. The Cross Cultural-Honest Conversations on Race Partnership is able to donate \$344 to St. Matthew. Of the \$344 the profit of \$144 came from the December sales.

Your support of fair trade also supported St. Matthew this month!!!  
Again, thanks!

**SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE BALTIMORE  
Legislative Day 2024**

**Date:** January 20th, 2024

**Time:** 1:00 - 3:00 PM

**Location:** This is a hybrid event. You can join us in person or virtually.

**In person:** StarTUp at the Armory, 307 Washington Ave, Towson, MD 21204

**Virtual:** via Zoom (link will be emailed)

At the Legislative Day, we'll hear from our partners, including the Baltimore Transit Equity Coalition, CASA, and the Campaign for Justice, Safety, and Jobs, about their priority legislation this session, and how we can plug in to support. We'll also break out by Legislative District so that we can meet our neighbors, discuss our legislators and how to influence them. [Join us on January 20th to learn and strategize on legislation for racial justice in the 2024 Maryland Legislative Session!](#)

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