



Mass Intentions for the Week

April 12, 2015

Saturday, April 11

4:30PM Karen Purcell
Dot & Ed McKenna

Sunday, April 12

7:30AM Thomas J. Smith
9:30AM John J. Kelly & Debbie Wills
11:30AM James Borger
Richard Alexy

Monday, April 13

8:15AM Dorothy Heron
Samantha McKenna

Tuesday, April 14

8:15AM Katherine & James Morley

Wednesday, April 15

8:15AM Dec'd Members of the Johnson Family

Thursday, April 16

8:15AM Joseph Albanese
William Tidd

Friday, April 17

8:15AM Helen & Joseph Schank

Saturday, April 18

4:30PM Teresa Hine Currier

Sunday, April 19

7:30AM John Gutwald
9:30AM Mary & Joseph O'Connor
11:30AM Joseph Fritz



Tom Tone, David Talone, JoAnn LaSorsa, Marie Carney, Greg Atkinson, Sophie Grabowski, Anthony Bonanno, Joanne Toth, Theresa Lenczewski, Rev. Msgr. Robert Grudowski, Florence Zapien, Luke Birkhead, Rose Kiger, Erik Kozlowski, Edmund Opielski, Bozena Orzechowski, Marlene Salkowski, Ed Wachowski, Roselie Partenheimer, John Walski, Carl Reiff, Joseph Blaszczyk, Patrick Kelly, Sean McGonagle, Mary Pierce, Brian Dunlevy, Sr. Jean Streibig, Stephanie Hathaway, Ken Waszena, Charles Streibig, Theresa McGrath, Kylie Reiff, John McCann, Nikki Dolan, Joseph Rozecki, Betty DiCola, Brother James Riley, Shawn Gallen, Eduardo Gloria, Molly Glick, Deb Smith, Ann Campbell, Francina Capolingua, Cathy Pierlott, Lynn Bowman, Anne Gallagher, James Sousa, James Gauger, Emilia Bello Jones, Carol Tinneney, Rita Van Buskirk, Joan Nasielski, Stephen Greene, Caroline Smerecki, Joan Pierce, Kevin Miller, Mike Ancin, Alfred Zisk, Cynthia Allen, Matthew Waters, Vince Ruggiero, Rylan Borys.



Return to God

Pray for all deceased parishioners.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY: Staff Sgt Daniel Furtak, PFC Paul Waszena, Lt. Michelle R. McNally, SSKC Terence J. McNally Jr., Sgt. Robert Bonneau, Andrew Midgett, Jonathan Staats, Col. Shawn McGinley, 108th Wing McGuire AFB, Matthew Horning, 1st Lt. Stanley J. Reimer III, SR Brett Pellicciotti, PFC Thomas Mazzochetti, Staff Sgt. Michael Alfonse, Robert Catapano U.S. Army 101st Airborne, Paul Brown, Marines, Corporal Andrew Teitjen.



CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

4/11 4:30 Fr. Ryan
4/12 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Ames
4/18 4:30 Fr. Heron
4/19 7:30 Fr. Curry 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. Ames
4/25 4:30 Fr. Ames
4/26 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Curry

Pre-Jordan Instructions (Sacrament of Baptism)

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in church on the first three Sundays of each month following the 11:30 A.M. Mass. In preparation for having a child Baptized, parents are required to attend "Pre-Jordan Instructions." (It was in the Jordan River that Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.) These instructions are important information about having your child Baptized. Parents may attend these instructions anytime during the course of the pregnancy. Please notify the rectory of your intention to attend. The next class will be Tuesday, April 7 at 7PM. You will be required to attend a class if this is the Baptism of your first child. Please call the rectory at 610-828-0424 press 4 for the office to register for the class. Baptisms are held the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month after the 11:30AM Mass. **(Both parents are expected to attend the class).**

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH FAREWELL RECEPTION:

There will be a meeting on Sunday, April 19, 2015 after the 9:30AM Mass in the St. Vincent de Paul meeting room. (Located at the end of the rectory parking lot it has a sign that says Meeting Room). Anyone who volunteered or would like to volunteer should attend this very important planning meeting.



Please welcome into our parish community of the newly formed Saint Matthew Parish six new members who entered the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil liturgy. They are: Michelle Batchlett, Josh Burchell, Christine Johnson, Andrew Mangone, Jennie O'Herrick and Megan Cullmann. They are the members of the RCIA class here at Saint Matthew's this year. Keep them in your prayers as they continue on their journey as new members of the Catholic Church. Congratulations Michelle, Josh, Christine, Andrew, Jennie and Megan!!

Our First Holy Communion Candidates will be presented to the parish at the 9:30 Mass today. Please pray for them and their families as they enter this sacred preparation time. They are preparing to receive the greatest gift that Jesus gave to us, instituted on the night before he died, the gift of himself...all he is, all he



taught, all his love poured out for us.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated April 25th at 11 am. Let us Rejoice and Be Glad!

(No Children's liturgy today).

First Holy Communion Sessions April 13 and 20th in St. Matthews Church 6:30-7:30pm

Confirmation Class of 2015!

A Confirmation Gathering will be held this Sunday at the 9:30 Mass at the SS Cosmas and Damian Hall. Please stop by, pick up your DVD of the ceremony, enjoy a donut and juice.

Let us remember! The celebration of the Eucharist is the summit of our identity as the People of God. We are transformed into the Body of Christ. Attendance at Sunday Mass is vital to the life of the community at St. Matthews. We must encourage a "sacramental culture"! Hope to see you there...Every Sunday!

PREP/CCD REGISTRATION: Renew your registration for PREP/CCD for next year! It is time to begin to form the classes for next year. If you are already registered simply fill out a renewal form to save your place for next year. Renewal forms are available in the vestibules of the church or the rectory. If your son or daughter will be beginning First Grade in 2015, go online to St. Matthew's website and click on the link to register and mail in your payment. Tuition fees will not change from last year and they may be electronically submitted. Classes are conducted Monday evenings from 6:30-7:45pm September thru March. Any questions please call the rectory at 610 828-0424 ext 6.

Liturgy of the Word for Children takes place every Sunday at the 9:30AM Mass. All children are invited from the altar to the sacristy to share in a child-like presentation of the Readings of the Day.



They return after the Prayer of the Faithful. Parents are permitted to accompany younger children. Help is needed to instruct the children if interested contact

stmatthewrectory@verizon.net

(No children's liturgy on Divine Mercy Sunday.)



Divine Mercy

Jesus, I trust in You

St. Matthew's Seniors Group will meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 12:30pm at the convent. Speaker, lunch (\$5), and conversation, we always enjoy meeting new people, so please join us!

ST. MARY'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB:

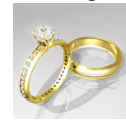
Meets every Thursday of the month at St. Mary's Church Hall. Three dollar fee. Play Cards 9:00 AM Snacks 10 AM Lunch 11 AM Play Bingo 12 – 2:30 PM Dues for members due 2015 is \$10.00 for the year.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB of St Mary's News: Casino Trips are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month:

April 14 & May 12. Bus leaves 9:00 AM from 11th & Fayette, 9:15 AM from 3rd & Fayette, and at 9:30 AM from St. Mary's. Please call Joe (610-825-4596).

St. Matthew Prayer Shawl Ministry: We most 'warmly' invite you to be a part of this Ministry by meeting with us in the St. Vincent DePaul room the 2nd Tuesday of the month April 14. If you know of someone who might like to receive a shawl, please let us know-or make one yourself for someone special to you. For Information contact Alice O'Connor at 610-828-5992 or acaoc@verizon.net "God has no hands but ours to do His work and show His Love."

PRE-CANA: St. Matthew's Parish is now offering Marriage Preparation Sessions (Pre-Cana) We are offering a one day program on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 8:30am – 4 pm Cost \$200.



per couple. Couples from all parishes are welcomed. Contact Deacon Mike Kubiak: 610-828-0424 X 5 or

deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Archbishop Carroll Theater Society will be performing "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" from April 9 through April 12. Come out and show your support to the many parishioners who are taking part in this terrific show! For more information, visit

www.jcarroll.org/campus-life/activities-clubs/archbishop-carroll-theater-society-acts/

Mothers of Children with Disabilities Retreat: Monday, May 4, 2015 at Malvern Retreat House, Bishop Timothy Senior will direct a retreat for mothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers. To register or for more information please contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400, malvernretreat.com or Sr. Kathleen Schipani at 215-587-3330, or sr.kschipani@archphila.org.

March for Marriage - April 25, 2015

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for Life and Family is sending buses from four locations in the Archdiocese to the Marriage March in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, April 25, 2015. For more information about the schedule, bus locations, and registration, visit PhillyCatholicLife.org.

God's Plan for Giving

APRIL 5, 2015

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY

GIFTS LAST WEEKEND: \$32,622.00

Electronic giving \$745 + \$31,877 = \$32,622



ELECTRONIC GIVING: We invite you to consider our new **electronic giving program** as a way to automate your regular weekly or monthly offerings. **Parish Giving** is convenient for you and there is **NO COST** for you to participate. Contact Deacon Mike Kubiak at deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net or www.parishgiving.org or www.stmatthewparish.com to register. It's easy.

A Baby's Breath: Please come and enjoy a Spring morning on Saturday, April 18, 2015 for A Baby's Breath Crisis Pregnancy Center's Run for Life 2015 at the Norristown Farm Park. 2500 Upper Farm Road, Norristown, PA. One Mile Fun Run/Walk starts at 9AM and 5K Run/Walk starts at 9:30AM. The Run for Life benefits our Jeffersonville Center serving moms and their babies for 15 years! Please register online at www.ababysbreath.org. For more info, please contact Dorothy Swedkowski, Race Director at 610-316-6281.

Cursillo Weekends: *Are you being called to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ?*

Everyone wants to grow closer to our Lord, but we all live busy lives. We need to be honest with ourselves... "Yes, my life is very busy, but do I make time for what I want to do and for what I believe is important". Consider taking some time away from your hectic life to attend Spring Cursillo. Men and Women from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia have an opportunity to be part of a life changing experience. Cursillo Weekend consists of daily Mass, Adoration, a series of talks given by Clergy and lay people, and time to just be silent. Our **Men's Weekend is April 9th – 12th**. To learn more about this opportunity, please contact Victor or Janice Blusnavage at 215-886-9733 (home) or 267-718-3440 (cell).

Travel to Ireland: Travel this summer to Southern Ireland with Fr. Curry July 21 - August 1, 2015. For more information contact Fr. Curry at 610-519-8693 or frscurry@gmail.com.

Andrew Lanutti Post: Full service kitchen, bar, C/A, great for Christenings, Communion, Confirmations, birthday, family reunions, small weddings, holiday parties, funeral luncheons & any social event. Open for rent 365 days a year. Call Lou at 484-919-0612.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL food pantry is in need of: tuna fish, applesauce, tomatoes, tomato sauce cans or jars, pasta, canned spaghetti sauce, boxes of mashed potatoes, stew, Manwich, Sloppy Joes, canned soups, fruits, baked beans.

Register early for the World Meeting of Families!

Early registration pricing for the World Meeting of Families ends April 30. Register your family today! The Basic Package is the most affordable pricing option (\$125/adult; \$95/child for a 4-day ticket until April 30). Visit the website to learn more and register: WorldMeeting2015.org.



St. Joseph Villa - Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday - May 7, 2015 – 1:30 pm – 6:30 pm! The American Red Cross depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. The past three blood drives produced between 32 and 38 blood products. Our 2015 goal includes 50 Sign-Up donors and 34 blood donations. To sign on to donate: Please call the Villa Volunteer Office at 215-248-7844 and leave your name and a phone number where you can be reached. You may also email hartf@stjosephvilla.org. Sister Frances Hart, SSJ

College Counselor Position:

Merion Mercy Academy seeks to fill the position of College Counselor. The counselor's position is full-time and assists students and parents with the college process. Priority will be given to candidates with experience as a college counselor and/or experience working in a selective college admission office, with a minimum of three years of experience post Bachelor's degree. A job description is available at www.merion-mercy.com. Please submit a resume to Mary Ann Danovich, Vice Principal for Academic Affairs, madanovich@merion-mercy.com by April 20th.

English Department: Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has one opening for a full time position in the English department teaching literature and writing for the 2015-2016 school year. Degree and certification required. Experience preferred. Please submit a resume to Mary Ann Danovich, Vice Principal for Academic Affairs, madanovich@merion-mercy.com by April 20th.

Archdiocesan Marian Procession - May 3

On May 3, 2015 at 2pm, all families are invited to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul to entrust themselves to the maternal care and intercession of Mary under the title "Mother of Families." The special event in preparation for the World Meeting of Families begins with a Liturgy of the Word followed by an outdoor procession, Rosary and crowning of the Blessed Virgin. A Plenary Indulgence is available on this occasion to those who recite the prayer of the Rosary during this Marian Procession at the Cathedral under the usual conditions.

Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus,
Welcome!*

I rejoice in your presence with the Saint Matthew faith worshipping community as we participate in the Divine Liturgy for the 2nd Sunday of Easter.

We are blessed by your desire to give thanks to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, both parishioners and guests.

May you be renewed in mind, heart and spirit through the Word and Eucharist we share. Thanks for joining us!

*Acts 5: 12-16 Psalm 118 Revelation 1: 9-11 a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20: 19-31*

The resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith, our hope, our love. At the heart of our Christian identity is the belief that God has radically changed the universe in the birth, life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Resurrection is the focus of our Easter season, the Great 50 days. Easter is so important that we cannot celebrate it adequately in one day. It takes a week of weeks.

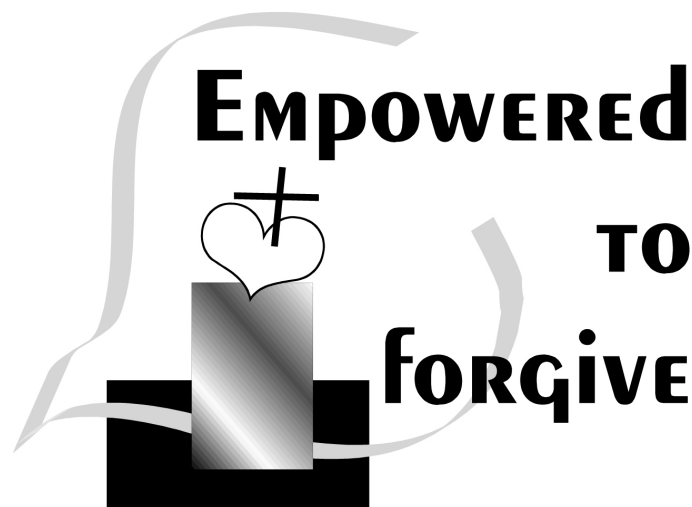
The readings today contrast fear and faith. In the Gospel we heard that "the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews." Afraid, cautious, divided, hidden away- what a contrast between how the disciples behave here and what we get from the Acts of the Apostles, "The community of believers were of one heart and one mind ... With power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord." The first Christian community was a church that was alive, active, in touch with the needs of its members. They prayed together, ate together, studied together, sang together, rejoiced together. They were an active church, a celebrating church, a church that believed greatly in fellowship, service, and outreach. No wonder they experienced such phenomenal growth. The motivating force of the

early believers to form a community was their lively faith in the resurrected Lord.

However, before the disciples' lives were determined by faith, their fears had to be put to rest. Jesus appears to them and reassures with words of peace and by the warmth of His breath that He is truly alive in body and in spirit. His purpose is not only to reassure them but to send them, encourage them to leave the prison of their fears.

What are you most afraid of? Not being loved. We desire to be loved. What a great opportunity we have in the parish to create a community of love. Through prayer, through struggling to understand God's Word, through celebrating the sacraments, through our willingness to serve one another - these are examples of living faith in the power of the resurrected Lord. We need them to be the foundation stones of our lives so that our lives will be full of life and love, full of faith and free of fear. Let us pray at this Eucharist that we may encourage one another to be instruments of forgiveness, examples of peace and witnesses of love in the Risen Lord.

Divine mercy means that we are loved in our weakness, our brokenness, our darkness, our sinfulness and once we become aware of God's mercy then we can, with grace and the Holy Spirit, overcome all sinful patterns of living.



End of Bulletin