

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2015

Saturday, April 4 Easter Vigil

8:15AM Prayer Service
7:00PM All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday

7:30AM Florence M. Bowe
9:30AM Michael F. Ryder Jr
11:30AM Concenzio Puglielli

Monday, April 6

8:15AM Frances Cottone
Godofreda Cruz

Tuesday, April 7

8:15AM Concetta D'Ippolito

Wednesday, April 8

8:15AM Caroline Borelli

Thursday, April 9

8:15AM Frank Wakefield

Friday, April 10

8:15AM William D. Weychert

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



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 Blaszcak, 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 Tinneny, 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.

Matthew Derfler



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

4/4 7PM Fr. Ames
4/5 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Curry 11:30 Msgr. Owens
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).**



A VERY HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO SISTER ST. HERMAN and her dedicated helpers who made our church look so beautiful for Easter. Sister works tirelessly in the Church all year long and decorates for every occasion.

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).



Easter Joy is made more joyful with the **Presentation of our Candidates for First Eucharist at the 9:30 Mass next Sunday, April 12th.** There will be NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY this Sunday.

A Gathering of the newly Confirmed of our parish is planned for next Sunday, April 12th after the 9:30 Mass at SS Cosmas and Damian Hall. A viewing of the DVD of the Confirmation ceremony along with some juice and donuts will be available to celebrate. The newly confirmed can pick up their DVD, a donut, and their banner if left after the ceremony.

First Eucharist Sessions begin for those preparing to receive the Sacrament on Monday April 6th, 6:30-7:30pm in St. Matthew Church. Parents are invited to stay but not required. Sessions will be April 6th, 13th, and 20th. Banners are due April 6th. Review sheets due April 13th.

ATTENTION PARENTS:
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: April 25, 2015 @11AM

First Eucharist Parents: If you were unable to be present for the Sacrament Meeting please call/stop in the rectory for needed information.

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!

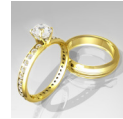
PREP/CCD REGISTRATION: Renew your registration for PREP/CCD for next year! It is time to begin to form the classes for next year. If you are already registered simply fill out a renewal form to save your place for next year. Renewal forms are available in the vestibules of the church or the rectory. 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 Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday.)



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

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

All are invited to an Easter themed dinner social on Saturday, April 11, 2015 @ 1:00 pm in St. Mary's Hall. Cost: \$15.00 Adult, \$7.00 children, Under 6 free.

For tickets contact:
Felicia Jemionek Rzeznik 610-825-9027
Gloria Mastrocola 610-828-3014
Leah Hepler 610-834-8538

In order to know how much food to prepare, please purchase tickets by Wednesday, April 1st.

Thank you.



Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic women's bible study with the goal of enabling women to know Christ through Scripture. Our last meeting of this inaugural season is Wednesday April 8 at 6:30 PM and we invite all women of the parish and friends and family to join us for lite bites and to learn about the courses we'll be offering next September. Join us at SS Cosmas & Damian Church Hall; W. 5th Ave., Conshohocken PA 19428 from 6:30 to 8:15 PM. Casual attire. Feel free to come alone or bring a friend, we're a very welcoming group!

Contact Judy Kukowski at 610-331-2147 or JAKukowski@verizon.net for more information.



God's Plan for Giving

March 29, 2015

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY

GIFTS LAST WEEKEND: \$15,882.50

Electronic giving \$810 + \$15,072.50 = \$15,882.50



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.

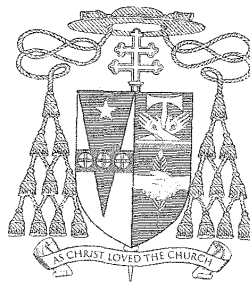
Cursillo Weekends: *Are you being called to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ?*

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, Communions, 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.



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop
222 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

March 26, 2015

Reverend John J. Ames
Saint Matthew Rectory
219 Fayette Street
Conshohocken, PA 19428

Dear Father Ames,

Thank you for the priestly service you have given to the Archdiocese as Parochial Vicar, Saint Matthew Parish, Conshohocken, since June 2014.

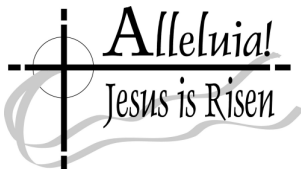
It is with great pleasure that I now appoint you Dean, School of Theological Studies at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, effective July 1, 2015.

In your new position you will perform a vital role in the spiritual formation of seminarians and priests for the Church in Philadelphia and elsewhere. Your position is a genuine privilege but carries with it a great responsibility. I am confident that your fidelity to God and to the Church will serve you well in this new responsibility. I ask that you consult with Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior, Rector, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, in regard to the responsibilities associated with this assignment.

It is my prayer that your priestly service will be the source of many blessings for you personally and for the seminarians entrusted to your care and guidance.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia
Congratulations Father Ames we will miss you!

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.



Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm 118 Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Dawn redeems the world from darkness. It relieves the night of its harshness. Dawn is no stranger to night; it is, however, night's redeemer. Dawn is a sign of new life. Dawn awakens the lilies of the field which flower the earth with life and beauty.

Easter is symbolized by dawn and lilies. Easter is given sacramental expression in the light of dawn and the life of lilies. Calvary is remembered in broken bread and poured-out wine. The terror of Calvary yields to the silence and soft hope of Easter.

Easter is a time for bright candles rather than the burning sun. At Easter, it is dawn rather than high noon.

Easter is a time for fresh water rather than blood; a time for flowers rather than nails; for peace in place of pain; for open fields rather than the hill of the skull. Easter heals Calvary and reveals what happens when hope is steadfast unto death. How we all need the healing hope of Easter!

Jesus is our New Dawn! Jesus is our New Light! Jesus is our Hope in the victory over sin and death!

Easter is the very heart of our faith. Resurrection involves us in a radical, ultimate transformation of life. Let Him Easter in us! Today, we celebrate the truth that there lives in each of us the "dearest freshest deep down things." Despite hardship, despite suffering, despite sin, despite death, He is risen. Jesus is alive. He came to share new life with us. The fruit of the new life is Light, Peace, Joy, Hope. The dry, barren desert of Lent gives way to the fertile, flowing water of Easter.

The paschal imprint which we celebrate today is death and resurrection. Without death, resurrection becomes a completely meaningless term. Without resurrection, the term 'death' becomes hopeless.

Many years ago, in the 16th and 17th centuries, the Easter liturgy used to include the *risus paschalis*, or the 'Easter laughter'. The Easter homily had to include a story which made people laugh, so that the church resounded with joyful laughter.

An ancient custom of the Greek Orthodox Church reserves the day after Easter for laughter and hilarity. On this day the sanctuary is filled with festivity and joking to celebrate the cosmic joke God pulled on Satan in the resurrection. The resurrection is the source of joy and peace, the music to which we ceaselessly dance, the song which we forever sing.

Easter never tires of reminding us that we are loved. We are passionately, intimately, wildly, madly loved long before our parents, family members, friends, teachers, spouses loved us or wounded us. That is the truth of our lives. To live our lives out of the awareness that we are beloved is to say that God's love is unconditional and has the power to overcome sin and death itself.

Reflections from my rocking chair: Msgr. Owens

Dear friends,

"Why are you looking for the Risen One among the dead? He is not here!"

Incredible, but true! Where he has gone we hope to follow. I think it is a shame that there seems to be more attention paid to what living in Hell might be like rather than imagining our experience of Heaven. When I was a young priest I was in the hospital room of a man dying of cancer. Looking me straight in the eye he said, "What do you think living in Heaven is like?" I was twenty-seven. I was a priest, so I should know something about Heaven. I felt at that moment if I said anything superficial or "off-the-cuff", he would notice my lack of deep conviction.

The truth is; I was young and had not prayed much about Heaven, nor had, at that point, a faith mature enough to want to ponder such a question. "What do you think living in Heaven is like?" Any such reflection begins with the Easter mystery: if the tomb was empty, where was Jesus? The gospel narrative considers the possibility that someone had stolen the body but is quick to brush aside such a claim. The gospels describe Jesus' encounter with the disciples after his crucifixion and death. Something of our existence in heaven is made manifest by the Risen Christ. His glorified body is the paradigm for our life after the grave. The disciples were able to recognize him as he was before his death, Jesus of Nazareth. They recognized him as ALIVE after his DEATH on the cross. He speaks to them. He cooks fish and eats with them, yet enters the locked room. As Catholics we believe "in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting". Jesus in his glorified body signals what it must be like to be raised up after our death. The gospel goes on to tell us that in Heaven there are "no more tears" (Revelation); that Jesus has gone ahead "to prepare a place for us". (John) "There will be more JOY in Heaven over one repentant sinner than over the ninety-nine who have no need to repent" (Luke) – or so they think. Perhaps our most frequent experience of Heaven is closer at hand than we imagine; in the celebration of Mass and the subsequent Eucharist-ting in us. Fueled by the bread of Angels we are encouraged to give ourselves away, to pour ourselves out for the well-being of others. The Little Flower (St. Therese of Lisieux) understood that her vocation as a child of God was LOVE, simple yet complex because it involves a willingness to suffer. In those moments when we love (making the well-being of another person our primary concern) we experience a little bit of Heaven. The contemplative and poet Jessica Powers (Sister) versed it this way:

The spirit newly freed from Earth

Is all amazed at the surprise of her belonging

Suddenly as native to eternity

To see herself and lets her be

At home

Where all this glory lies.

As we begin to celebrate the Easter season, forty days till the feast of the Ascension, pray that we all have the wisdom to allow the risen Christ to Easter in us.

P.S. About that man in the hospital, I offered him the wedding banquet as a biblical image, however dull, of the Kingdom of Heaven. Is your wedding garment ready? If you can't imagine it, that's okay, God must always be more than we can imagine.

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