



PENTECOST SUNDAY May 24, 2015

Saturday, May 23

4:30PM Joanne Schank Beeler

Sunday, May 24

7:30AM Joseph Albanese
Laura & Joseph Koza (60th Wedding Aniv)
9:30AM James O'Connor
11:30AM Christopher Mastrocola (4th Anniversary)

Monday, May 25 Memorial Day

9:00AM Mass at St. Benedict's Cemetery
11:00AM Mass at St. Matthew's Cemetery
NO 8:15 MASS

Tuesday, May 26

8:15AM Frank Charlesworth

Wednesday, May 27

8:15AM Maryann Lewis (2nd Anniversary)

Thursday, May 28

8:15AM Raymond P. Beswick

Friday, May 29

8:15AM Thomas Donikowski

Saturday, May 30

4:30PM Kathryn Grant

Sunday, May 31

7:30AM Mary Jane Bowe
9:30AM Philomena Bello Neve
Ann Price
11:30AM James Gavin, Jr.

Pray for the Sick: 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, 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 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, Susan Minnick, Ann Greco, Matthew Pierce, Matt McNamee.



Pray for the Deceased: Maryann Lilick, Anna Travaline

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY: Staff Sgt Daniel Furtak, 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.

THERE ARE ONLY
TWO WORDS
THAT DESCRIBE THE
MEANING
OF
Memorial Day.
THANK YOU

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

5/23 4:30 Fr. Ames
5/24 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Ryan
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THE 6PM YOUNG ADULT EVENING MASS IS CANCELLED UNTIL AFTER THE POPE'S VISIT.

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." The next class will be **Tuesday, June 2 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.

MASS BOOK 2016: The 2016 Mass Book is open. To make it convenient for you we suggest coming to the rectory or you may call the rectory with your request (610-828-0424) #4 for the office or email stmatthewrectory@verizon.net

Please remember to participate in the Parish survey. Take one from back of church or go to the web site www.stmatthewparish.com and click on the survey link.

MEMORIAL DAY MASSES: We will hold our annual Memorial Day Masses on **Monday, May 25** at **St. Benedict cemetery on Colwell Ln at 9AM** and **St. Matthew cemetery on North Lane, at 11AM**. You are invited to attend as we remember those who died in any war as well as those who are buried in both parish cemeteries. **No 8:15AM Mass on Memorial Day.**



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL food bank is in need of: tuna fish, boxes of mashed potatoes, stew, canned fruits, peanut butter and jelly.

Religious Education News

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.

The First Communion and Confirmation videos can be picked up at the rectory after Mass on Sunday or during the week Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 and older siblings are encouraged to accompany younger children. Help is needed to instruct the children. If interested contact

stmatthewrectory@verizon.net

SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Do you enjoy reading



novels? Does Summer give you a bit more free time? Allow yourself some leisure! NOVELS WITH A CHRISTIAN

TWIST kickoff meeting **June 2 at 7 PM**

parish meeting room off the rectory parking area.

June 23 - To Kill a Mockingbird, **July 14** - The Power and the Glory, **August 11** - North of Hope. For more detail consult the posters by the doors of the church. "To register contact Msgr. Owens voice mail: 610-828-0424 ext 112 or stmatt2014@gmail.com"

PRE-CANA: St. Matthew's Parish is now offering Marriage



Preparation Sessions (Pre-Cana). We are offering a one day program on **Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 8:30 AM – 4 PM.** The cost is \$200 per couple. Couples from all

parishes are welcomed. Contact Deacon Mike Kubiak: 610-828-0424 X5 or deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net

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 **June 9.** 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."

CELEBRATING ONE HUNDRED YEARS AND HUNDREDS OF SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH

Thank You to all who made the celebration of our God's Goodness so special!

Your presence and participation in the 11:30 Mass and your joining in the open-convent event have warmed our hearts. All the ways you contributed your part to making good things happen certainly demonstrates your generous spirit.

- *All so down-to-earth and neighborly!*
- *All done so lovingly and with special Conshohocken class!*

It is so obvious that "we stand on the shoulders" of those who have gone before us.

- *The hundreds of Sisters of Saint Joseph*
- *The thousands of students and parishioners of Conshohocken*
- *The innumerable immigrant ancestors who built the strong Catholic presence in Conshohocken*

Also special to us is your unity in coming together. We appreciate all your gifts to us, your sharing memories, your kind words—written and expressed, your making and bringing some specialty to the banquet.

Your giving us a glimpse of the realization of the Mission of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, "THAT ALL MAY BE ONE."

We pray with Jesus that this unity and Oneness of the Holy Spirit's gift to you and that you create many other ways and times of coming together as the Catholic Community of this great Borough of Conshohocken. You have always been and will be in the prayers of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Gratefully, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of St. Matthew Convent

God's Plan for Giving

May 10, 2015

**WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND: \$12,207**

Electronic giving \$555 + \$11,652 = \$12,207

**SECOND COLLECTION ON MAY 30 & 31 will be for Nepal
Earthquake Recovery**



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 to register www.parishgiving.org or www.stmatthewparish.com

Summer vacation time will be here soon and many of us will be away with our families to enjoy fun and relaxation. Unfortunately, the bills at St. Matthews never take a vacation. There are several ways you can continue to support your Parish even though you might be away: Mail your Sunday offering to the Rectory; Use Parish Giving at www.stmatthewparish.com to contribute via debit or credit card; Use your banks online payment system to send your offering, or double-up on your offering before you go away or when you return. Thanks to everyone, in advance, for your support. We hope everyone has a happy and healthy summer.

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: **June 9 & July 14**. 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. MARY'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB PICNIC:

The Picnic is on **June 16, 2015** at Mermaid Lake from 11 AM to 7 PM. \$10 for members. \$17.00 for non-members. You must have a ticket to attend the picnic.

OPUS DEI:

An Evening of Recollection for men will be offered on **Wednesday, May 27, 2015** at St. Matthew Parish from 7-9PM. The schedule includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, the opportunity to go to Confession, a 30 minute meditation lead by a priest and a short talk given by a lay person. The focus is on practical ways to develop a personal relationship with God through prayer and work. All meetings will be held the 4th Wednesday of each month. For more info contact deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net

REFLECTIONS FROM MY ROCKING CHAIR – Msgr. Owens

On this feast of Pentecost Sunday
a wonderful prayer:



Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come within our bosoms shine.

You, O comforter the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed light divine,
Shine within these hearts of yours,
And our inmost being fill!

Where you are naught, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, ever more
In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtues sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end.
Amen. Alleluia!

CURSILLO:

Cursillo is a Christian movement within the Roman Catholic Church whose members are committed to having a relationship with Christ by bringing Christ into the everyday moments of their lives. If you are interested in obtaining more information regarding this movement, we invite you to contact Deacon Joe or Lynn Carr at homesppun68@comcast.net This organization meets on a monthly basis September through June at St. Matthew's Church. **Ultreya on Tuesday, June 16th at 7 PM.**

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 Pentecost Sunday. 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 of the Apostles 2:1-11 Psalm 104 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23

Pentecost! The word means “fiftieth.” It was the 50th day after the Jewish Passover when, along with other things, the beginning of the wheat harvest was celebrated. It was the 50th day after Jesus rose from the dead that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles. The beginning of the material harvest that the Jews celebrated became the spiritual harvest that the apostles began to reap on this day. The apostles, and the disciples who were with them, were filled with the power of God and sent forth to preach the good news to all the world.

Besides calling today the Feast of Pentecost, we could also call it the Feast of the Power of God. For it was the day the power of God entered the souls of the apostles enabling them to carry out the mission Jesus Christ had given them. They were to become actively engaged partners with Christ in His work of rescuing individual souls from ignorance and the effects of sin.

Our coming into this world was similar to a flashlight we buy in a store. What do you often find printed on the package? “Batteries not included!” So you have to buy batteries and insert them properly in the flashlight to make it work.

Similarly, when you were born, batteries were not included. Like the flashlight, you were created to give light to the world. Though you were put into the world to do your part in God's plan of salvation, you did not have the needed power to do that. The Power of God to live and spread the teachings of Christ was still lacking in you. Therefore, the Sacrament of Confirmation!

It was at your Confirmation that the coming of the Holy Spirit in all His fullness came into you, and made you ever ready and able to live your life in such a way as to be of maximum benefit to Christ in His work of saving souls. You were fully charged, and like the

Energizer Bunny, you became equipped to light the way for others all the way to Christ. With the Holy Spirit in you, you can now go on, and on, and on, as another Christ, and in union with Christ, loving and forgiving and saving souls — not only your own but those of the many people who come into your life.

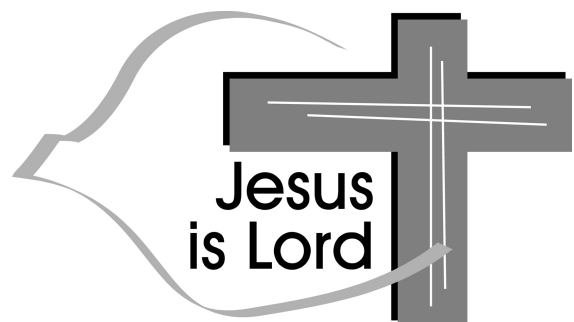
You came into the world without batteries, without the power of God. If you have been confirmed you now have those batteries. You have the full energy of God the Holy Spirit which makes it possible for you to live the life of Christ and do the work of God as God wants you to. The power is in you, the force is with you — as it was with the apostles on the first Pentecost and, thereafter, for the rest of their lives. One thing, of course, is still necessary.

As a flashlight needs to be switched “on” for the batteries within it to make it shine, we need to be switched “on” to the Holy Spirit who is in us so we can shine. But nobody can do that but we, ourselves. Not even God will do it without our permission. Of our own free will, we must want the connection between us and the Holy Spirit to be activated or it won't happen. “You are the light of the world,” Jesus told the people in His sermon on the mount. “Your light must shine before men so that they may see goodness in your acts and give praise to your heavenly Father.” (Mt 5:14)

We might not be able to demand the Holy Spirit to empower us whenever we give our permission, but the light of Christ will most certainly not shine through us unless we do. You don't have to consciously give that permission with every act you perform. You can do it when you wake up in the morning to cover the entire day. It could go something like this:

“Holy Spirit, my life is Yours today.
Direct my every thought and decision,
Be in my every action so that I can carry out well
the will of my Father in heaven.”

This is Pentecost, this is the feast of the Power of God within us. Let us stay connected to the Spirit and help light the way for others through the confusion of the world — to Jesus Christ.



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