

# THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

**11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**June 14, 2015**

**Saturday, June 13**

4:30PM William Mellon

**Sunday, June 14**

7:30AM Eleanor Blanch

9:30AM Mireille Shuggi

11:30AM Michael Kovach

John Wisniewski

**Monday, June 15**

8:15AM J. Allan Moore (18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Samantha McKenna

**Tuesday, June 16**

8:15AM Vincent Pedicone

**Wednesday, June 17**

8:15AM Phyllis & Gene Mastrangelo (54<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Thursday, June 18**

8:15AM Joseph Albanese

**Friday, June 19**

8:15AM Scott Leflar

Stephen Opiela

**Saturday, June 20**

4:30PM Jacob & Margaret Riker

Margaret Minnick

**Sunday, June 21**

7:30AM Stanley Furtak

9:30AM Anthony, Louise, Francis, Dorothy Zinni

11:30AM John J. Williams, Sr.

**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 of the parish:**  
Michael Tadeo, Catherine Mills, Marie D'Angelo, Nora Tiernan

**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, 108<sup>th</sup> 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 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, Paul Brown, Marines, Corporal Andrew Teitjen, Tech Sgt Eric Zweiback

**CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE**

6/13 4:30 Fr. Ryan

6/14 7:30 Fr. Ames 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Sean Toole

6/20 4:30 Msgr. Owens

6/21 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. Curry 11:30 Fr. Ryan

6/27 4:30 Fr. Ames

6/28 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Curry 11:30 Fr. Heron

**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, July 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.

**Please remember to participate in the Parish survey. Take one from back of church or go to the web site [www.stmatthewparish.com](http://www.stmatthewparish.com) and click on the survey link. The survey will be closing soon. We value your opinion.**



**Congratulations!**  
**Father Sean Toole**

**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](mailto:homesppun68@comcast.net) This organization meets on a monthly basis September through June at St. Matthew's Church. **Ultreya on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.**

**PICTURES:** If anyone took pictures at the Sisters of St. Joseph Reception please email the rectory at [stmatthewrectory@verizon.net](mailto:stmatthewrectory@verizon.net). We would like to make arrangements if possible to copy the pictures. Thank you.

# UPDATE: PROPERTY EVALUATION AND PLANNING

## Key Highlights: July 1, 2014 – present.

These points we need to take into consideration as we plan and make decisions regarding the use of our properties.

### As of the time of the merger:

1. SS Cosmas and Damian debt (\$290,000)
2. St. Gertrude trust \$ 1.2 million
3. St. Mary \$ 81,449

### As of this past month:

4. 126 out of 209 families registered, involved, and contributing from SS Cosmas and Damian
5. 27 out of 62 families registered, involved and contributing from St. Gertrude
6. 76 of 162 families registered, involved and contributing from St. Mary (numbers are in flux)

### We currently maintain 13 buildings:

St. Gertrude Church and Rectory, St. Mary Church, Rectory and garage, St. Matthew Church, Rectory, School, Convent, SS Cosmas and Damian Church, Rectory, and Garage, Early Childhood Center.

### Activity at those Buildings:

St. Gertrude's:	3 funerals,	0 weddings
St. Mary's:	14 funerals,	11 weddings
SS Cosmas and Damian:	25 funerals,	2 weddings
SS Cosmas and Damian Hall:	PREP/CCD older classes, and retreats	
St. Matthews	44 funerals, 23 weddings,	126 Baptisms

### Early Childhood Center:

- 113 enrolled children, 6 on waiting list, 7 email and 8 phone requests this past month
- Initiating DayCare this September, 33 children enrolled, 12 on waiting list, 4 email and 11 phone requests
- Summer program 46 enrolled
  
- 204 enrolled PREP/CCD program ,grades 1 -5, uses Early Childhood Center on Monday evenings (Sept. – March)

St. Mary's Golden Age have a regular Thursday meeting at St. Mary's Church Hall

The Easter Dinner was hosted at St. Mary's Church Hall

### ISSUES

- Early Childhood, Daycare space grossly inadequate to meet need. 18 on waiting list , 30 email/phone requests. (statistics from

Borough...45% of pop. 18-44), 1,390 approved new housing units, 300 pending predicts a pop. growth)

- PREP/CCD program is squeezed into inadequate circumstances. The use of Early Childhood School and SS Cosmas and Damian Hall causes serious hardship on program, volunteers, but most especially parents and children. Parents are forced to drop off and pick up in two locations, children 7, 8, 9 are too big to sit in chairs meant for 2 and 3 year olds. Preparation for parish wide events featuring children has no room to prepare as a unified group. This fosters division rather than gathering together.
  
- The re-purposing of St. Matthew School Building would provide:  
Adequate space for all programs  
Meeting space for all organizations  
Conference and Adult formation space  
Youth Program space  
Family Activity Space  
Space for Seniors Groups

A final word, the re-purposing of St. Matthew School Building into a vibrant Parish Center, Early Childhood and Daycare facility would establish stability for long-term growth rather than the temporary, inadequate facilities we currently are using to serve the parish needs.

## **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](mailto:stmatthewrectory@verizon.net)

## God's Plan for Giving

June 7, 2015

**WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR  
YOUR OFFERTORY**

**GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:**

**\$11,925**

**Electronic giving \$1,020 + \$13,337 = \$14,357**



### **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](mailto:deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net) to register [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org) or [www.stmatthewparish.com](http://www.stmatthewparish.com)

### **St. MATTHEW SENIOR GROUP WILL BE MEETING AT THE GREAT AMERICAN PUB**

for the June Meeting. All members are invited to attend a luncheon to be held **June 17th at 12:30PM**; this will be our last regular meeting before our summer break. The luncheon will be provided from the proceeds of the dues and 50/50 throughout the year. Please let us know if you will be able to attend.

Contact Pat Hanna at 610-272-3610 or Kitty McNally at 610-825-9291.

### **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: **July 14 and August 11**. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. 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](mailto:acaoc@verizon.net)



**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](mailto:deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net)



### **SUMMER BOOK CLUB:**



Do you enjoy reading novels? Does Summer give you a bit more free time? Allow yourself some leisure! **June 23** - To Kill a Mockingbird, **at 7 PM** parish meeting room off the rectory parking area **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 [stmat2014@gmail.com](mailto:stmat2014@gmail.com)"

**OPUS DEI:** An Evening of Recollection for men will be offered on **Wednesday, June 24, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. For more info contact [deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net](mailto:deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net)

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

### **CLOTHING DRIVE:**

St. Matthew Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, **Saturday, June 27th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The truck will be parked on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. outside of St. Matt's Church.** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck parked at 3rd Ave. & Fayette St. where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit [www.gogreendrop.com](http://www.gogreendrop.com)



**BOOKKEEPER:** Part Time 2-3 days per week – Checks, Filing, Invoices, etc. This is a small business in Conshohocken. Please call 610-825-0440 and ask for Steve. (no discrimination of age/sex)

**International Education Opportunities (IEO),** a Jenkintown-based company, is seeking warm, caring host families to host International students at local private and parochial schools for the 2015-2016 school year. Host families are paid a monthly stipend to help offset the cost of caring for a student, and both families and students are supported with an Academic and Homestay Coordinator to monitor the student's progress and check-in on the family throughout the year. For more information or to apply, please contact [homestay@ieopps.com](mailto:homestay@ieopps.com) or call 215-517-6000 ext. 108.

## 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 Liturgy for the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. 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!*

Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34

Jesus lived most of His life in a predominantly rural setting. At that time the vast majority of human beings lived in the country, in villages or in small hamlets. It is no surprise then that He drew heavily on His observation and reflection of nature and farming, as well as the cycle of life, to teach us about the kingdom of heaven. In our largely urbanized modern society, even if we live in a high-rise flat or apartment, many of us have garden boxes and still experience first-hand the wonder of planting a seedling in spring and watching it grow and finally bloom in the summer. Mother nature and the cycle of life never cease to imbue in us a sense of wonder and awe.

Just as this is true in nature, so it is also true of the spiritual life. St. John expresses the beginning of this supernatural cycle of life like this: "But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12-13).

God's seed is planted in us in the sacrament of baptism. Our word "baptism" has its roots in the Greek word *baptizein*, which means to "plunge" or "immerse."

Our immersion in the water of our baptism represents our sharing in the death and resurrection of the Lord. Baptism is a bath of water in which the imperishable seed of the Word of God produces its life-giving effect. We have been born again not of perishable seed but of imperishable seed through the living and enduring Word of God.

This seed of God's grace, given to us in baptism, remains in us throughout our lives. No one can take this grace away from us because it is God's merciful, unmerited, gracious and irrevocable gift. Our vocation is to facilitate, nourish and nurture this grace throughout our lives. God has given us many blessings and graces to help us in this task, including the vital gift of prayer, the ability to read the Scriptures and receive nourishment from the Eucharist. We also receive the wisdom to know that in dying we live and in serving others we receive a hundred-fold and more.

***Lord, teach me to protect and preserve the divine life I received through the grace of baptism.***

The time  
is right  
for the **HARVEST** 

## REFLECTIONS FROM MY ROCKING CHAIR

Dear friends,

Whoever decided that the Grimm fairytales were for children? Here we are trapped in a cage sticking out a bone to the wicked but blind witch to convince her that we are not plump enough to be tasty. Yike! Thankfully, Dr. Seuss came along for generations of children after my time. For those of you with little children and for you adults who remain children at heart (a graced position), I recommend – out of the 42 famous Dr. Seuss books – *Horton Hears a Who!* A quick summary: Only Horton knows that the small speck of dust is actually the home planet of Whoville. He can't see them but because of his big ears he can hear their cry for help. Horton, in addition to his big ears, has a big heart. He dedicates himself to protecting them. I won't tell you how the story ends that would spoil the fun.

The Holy Spirit would want us to find in this story a parable for our mission as the Catholic Church called to protect the life of the unborn child, or the life of a child the United States with no health insurance, or the life of the newly born female left on the side of the road in China where parents are allowed but one child – a boy better secures the parent's future, or the life of a starving child in the sub-Saharan region of Africa. Of the many things we should want for ourselves and for our children. The most important is a compassionate heart. The secularists may think the next microchip is most important in working towards a happy life. We Christians know better: compassion is the ultimate form of social progress.

In the mystical body of Christ all children are our children because they are Christ's children as are we. I did say the "mystical" body, as Gerald Manley Hopkins puts it, "So much the mystery how, not flesh but spirit now". Mystical life – the infusion of grace that enters our life by way of faith – allows us to understand the difference between the path to life and the road to darkness. The danger is that when we frequently choose this sinful path we become dull. Where is our outrage at the fact that there are still each year 1 million abortions performed in this country? Have you ever seen on TV late at night pictures of starving children with the request that we donate money to alleviate such sadness, or do we avert our eyes.

Pope Francis' visit in September to our country (and our city) should be instructive. He has repeatedly taught that the church should move out to the perimeter, to the marginalized. He may well be difficult to hear, not physically but spiritually. How is it possible that a country as prosperous as ours appears to be has great pockets of poverty?

Dr Seuss' Whoville is saved by Horton's goodness. He has convinced the other animals of the jungle that there are people on that blossom, almost too small to see, that need their protection. The kangaroo resolves,  
"From sun in the summer,  
From rain when this fall-ish,  
I'm going to protect them.  
No matter how small-ish!"

oops. I gave away the ending.

Blessings, Msgr. Owens [stmatt2014@gmail.com](mailto:stmatt2014@gmail.com)

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