

# THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME June 21, 2015

### 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.

### Monday, June 22

8:15AM John R. Gallen

### Tuesday, June 23

8:15AM William M. & Mary F. Reilly (100<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

### Wednesday, June 24

8:15AM John & Johanna Matsko  
Margaret Minnick

### Thursday, June 25

8:15AM Margaret Munley

### Friday, June 26

8:15AM Rev. Daniel Murray

### Saturday, June 27

4:30PM Leokadiol & Wojciech Karas

### Sunday, June 28

7:30AM Frank Charlesworth  
9:30AM John Robin Woznicki (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
11:30AM Walt & Jane Wyrembek

**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 Blaszczak, 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, Susan Minnick, Ann Greco, Matthew Pierce, Matt McNamee.

**Pray for the Deceased of the parish:**  
**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

6/20 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.

**BAPTISM:** You may now schedule a Baptism on line-go to the web site [www.stmatthewparish.com](http://www.stmatthewparish.com) click on Baptism form. Once the form is submitted we will contact you within 3 days to let you know if the date you requested is available.

**MARRIAGE:** There is also a form to request a wedding for registered parishioners on the web site. [www.stmatthewparish.com](http://www.stmatthewparish.com). We will contact you within 3 days to confirm your request.

**ST. MATTHEW STUDENTS EXCEL:** Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

### Mount St. Joseph Academy:

First Honors: Sarah Frazer & Lillian Kennedy  
Second Honors: Elizabeth Napolitano

**Congratulations to all our students!**



**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)

## PROPERTY UPDATE AND PLANNING:

In an effort to continually share the evolving picture and landscape of the newly formed St. Matthew parish we include the following update:

### 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
4. St. Matthew	\$474,881
	Zeufle trust \$1,342,992 (Restricted to education)

As of this past month: parishioners registered, involved and contributing

1. SS Cosmas and Damian	126 out of 209
2. St. Gertrude	38 out of 62
3. St. Mary	76 out of 162
4. St. Matthew	449 out of 1303

(Numbers still in flux)

### Activity as of July 1, 2014:

(Canonical Guidelines Appendix B, B-1)

New sacramental record books should be started as of the date of the formal opening of the parish. No additional entries are to be made into the old sacramental record books. All of these records are to be kept at the new parish office.

The parish church is to be the normal site for the celebration of the Sacraments. Funerals and devotions, however, may be celebrated in a worship site church. Weddings that are already scheduled as of July 1, 2014 for worship site churches may take place as planned.

The parish church is the primary place of worship of a particular parish where the sacraments and other religious services are celebrated throughout the liturgical year. A worship site other than the parish church, on the other hand, is a church situated within a parish's boundaries and used primarily for devotional services. Sacraments of Initiation, weddings, and other sacramental rites (including First Penance) are to be celebrated in the parish church and are not to be celebrated in any other worship site within the parish.

SS Cosmas & Damian:	25 Funerals, 2 weddings (previously scheduled)
SS Cosmas & Damian Hall:	PREP/CCD older class retreats
St. Gertrude:	3 Funerals, 0 weddings
St. Mary:	14 Funerals, 11 weddings (previously scheduled)
St. Matthew:	71 Funerals, 24 weddings, 129 Baptisms 65 confirmed (48-St. Matthew, 12-SS C & D 2-St. Mary, 3-St. Gertrude parish before merger) 38 First Eucharist and Penance (25 St. Matthew, 11 SS Cosmas and Damian, 1 St. Mary, 1 St. Gertrude parish before merger)

### Other Property Usage:

Convent: 6 Sisters of Saint Joseph in residence will vacate June 30, 2015

St. Mary Rectory: Father John Ames in residence, reassigned July 1, 2015

Pastoral and Finance Council researching avenues to create revenue with these properties.

St. Matthew School: CCS School closed June 2012. Used for PREP/CCD classes, Sacramental Preparation Retreats, Seniors Meetings, Parish Synod 2012-2014.

Building not in use awaiting approval of Archdiocese to move forward.

Plans have been developed to re-purpose the building into a vibrant Parish Center, Early Childhood and Daycare Facility.

As always, comments, observations, corrections and suggestions are welcome.

## **God's Plan for Giving**

June 14, 2015

**WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR  
YOUR OFFERTORY  
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:**

**\$11,683**

**Electronic giving \$570 + \$11,113 = \$11,683**

**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.

### 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)



### 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. 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)

### 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 [stmatt2014@gmail.com](mailto:stmatt2014@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)

**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)



**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.

**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)

## 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 12<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!*

Job 38:1, 8-11 Psalm 107 2Corinthians 5:14-17 Mark 4:35-41

Did you know that the bathtub was invented in 1850? The telephone was invented in 1875. "Just think," someone said, "you could have sat in the bathtub for 25 years without the phone ringing." It never fails, just when you think you will have some peace and quiet the telephone rings, or the baby cries, a water pipe breaks, or the boss calls you into her office. Peace is a precious commodity and it is so, so elusive.

The apostles were afraid! Anyone who has ever been in a small boat when a storm comes up knows well the fear they felt. Anyone who has been through a hurricane, a tornado, a fire, or a flood knows what fear is. When we almost have a car accident, when a child is late coming home, when the doctor tells us we have cancer, we experience fear. When people have to stack sandbags around their cities and homes in an effort to keep away the floodwaters, you can be sure they lived through many days of ongoing, unrelenting fear. I wonder how many people toss and turn in their bed each night, not because of a storm on the outside but because of a storm raging inside them. Jesus has the power to calm both storms.

Life at times seems to be a series of storms, some are minor squalls, others are catastrophic typhoons. But Jesus is always there for us. The storms of our lives can challenge us to grow and learn or they can consume us in despair and self-pity. Jesus repeatedly invites us to journey to the other side of life, to go from here to another place. The purpose of the journey and the power of peace are provided by God. We cannot always, if ever, make sense of it. Trouble sets in when we lose sight of our goal and begin to doubt that our journey is leading to union with God. Then, the disciples' cry of panic becomes ours. **"Don't You care that we are perishing?"** When this happens, every step we take is a fearful one. In our panic, we lose the sense of who is in charge. Jesus knows where we are going and why. He wants us to leave the comfortable corners of our lives and journey with Him. He is in charge and knows the way. He will steer us through the joy and sorrow, the feasting and fasting, the life and death.

Within each of us is the "sleeping Jesus" of the Gospel, that is, the person we can call upon for the courage and insight to calm life's storms.

## REFLECTIONS FROM MY ROCKING CHAIR

Dear friends,

As the Fourth of July approaches we customarily celebrate the founding of our nation and its precious freedoms. Memorial Day reminded us of the cost in human lives to protect our freedom. The first amendment to the Constitution protects "the free exercise of religion" and a prohibition against the "establishment" of any particular religion. This amendment serves us well for religion, preeminently the Christian faith, ennobles what it means to be fully human and to form a community with "heart".

Each year the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offers a program entitled, *Fortnight for Freedom*. This year's theme is *The Freedom to Bear Witness*. Clearly in our country we enjoy the freedom to worship as we choose. At first glance there is no alarm. However, there is reason to be vigilant in regards to our freedom to put our religious convictions – and moral principles – into practice. What kind of worship is it if it can't be put into practice in daily life? Can government compel action contrary to one's religious convictions?

The USCCB lists five threats to religious liberty in the United States:

1. The Department of Health and Human Services is attempting to force religious institutions to facilitate and/or fund a product contrary to their own moral teaching – paying for health insurance to include sterilization, artificial contraception, and abortion-inducing drugs.
2. Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia, and the state of Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities out of the adoption or foster care services because those charities refused to place children with same-sex couples and unmarried opposite sex couples who cohabitate.
3. Several states have passed laws that forbid what they deem as the "harboring" of undocumented immigrants – and what the church deems Christian charity and pastoral care to these immigrants.
4. New York City adopted a policy that barred the Bronx Household of Faith and other small churches from renting public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for many other uses.
5. The USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services Committee ministers to victims of human trafficking. The federal government has changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.
6. In its over 100-year history, the University of California Hastings College of Law has denied student organizational status to only one group, the Christian Legal Society, because it required its leaders to be Christian and to abstain from sexual activity outside of marriage.

Pope Francis argues that a "healthy pluralism ... does not entail privatizing religions in an attempt to reduce them to quiet obscurity of the individual's conscience or to relegate them to the enclosed precincts of churches, synagogues and mosques." We must stand guard or our religious liberty will be taken from us in the name of modernity.

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

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