

# THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

**13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**June 28, 2015**

**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

**Monday, June 29**

8:15AM Maria Salvation  
Stephanie Kaplon

**Tuesday, June 30**

8:15AM John Gallen

**Wednesday, July 1**

8:15AM Audrey DeFrancesco  
Rita McAvoy & Mary Lally

**Thursday, July 2**

8:15AM MaryFlor Horn  
For the Special Intentions of Joe Crescenz

**Friday, July 3**

8:15AM Matthew Derfler  
John W. & Mary R. Cook

**Saturday, July 4 Independence Day**

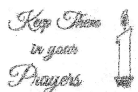
4:30PM John Francis Carlino

**Sunday, July 5**

7:30AM Charles & Margaret Williams

9:30AM Frank Charlesworth

11:30AM John J. Williams Sr.  
William Freas



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 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:**  
**Cecelia Bellano**



**Pray for the 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**

6/27 4:30 Fr. Ames  
6/28 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Curry 11:30 Fr. Heron  
7/4 4:30 Fr. Heron  
7/5 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Heron  
7/11 4:30 Fr. Ryan  
7/12 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. Heron  
7/18 4:30 Fr. Heron  
7/19 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens  
7/25 4:30 Msgr. Owens  
7/26 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 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.

**The rectory will be closed on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> to commemorate Independence Day.**

**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.

**Pope John Paul II: First Honors: Alyssa G. Garcia Congratulations Alyssa!**

## PROPERTY UPDATE AND PLANNING:

Continuing from last week...Conditional approval has been granted to begin re-purposing of St. Matthew School building

### Renovations and Upkeep

- Parking Lot on Harry Street is to be renovated and re-constructed into 20 parking spaces. Curb has been cut. Borough approvals have been given.
- St. Matthew Church Lighting Upgraded
- SSCosmas and Damian organ moved to St. Matthew, St. Gertrude organ moved to SS Cosmas and Damian
- Plumbing problems affecting heat corrected at SS Cosmas and Damian.
- Two handicapped parking spaces allocated on Third Ave. ramped entrance.
- New Boiler, heating and air conditioning system for CCECC (Conshohocken Catholic Early Childhood Center).
- Renovation of CCECC first floor for Daycare facility
- Lawn care, snow removal at all sites.
- Clean out, asbestos remediation and new roof on 1967 addition to St. Matthew school building in preparation for renovation work.
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting room under upgrade.
- St. Matthew Church floor painted, strip lighting installed along side

entrance to pews to mark step up or down.

- Rectory basement renovated for more storage and possible meeting space.
- Parish website updated, CCECC website being updated with link on home page ( donated by parishioner)

### Parish Staff:

Paid staff retained: 2 secretaries, 1 part-time secretary, 2 maintenance personnel, 1 cook, 1 business manager, 1 part-time pastoral assistant, 1 part-time coordinator of PREP, 1 music director, 1 part-time sacristan. As always comments, observations, corrections are welcome.

**Next week: Independence Day Celebrate!!!**

### ***Religious Education News***

**Children's Liturgy** will be suspended for the summer months of July and August. Leisure time is important. Part of leisure is to pray! Bring the children to Mass every Sunday for some leisurely grace! Children's liturgy will resume in September.

**ATTENTION PARENTS: REGISTER OR RENEW NOW FOR PREP/CCD CLASSES FOR THIS FALL.** IT WILL SOON BE TIME TO ORDER TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS AND WE NEED A COUNT. If your child enters First Grade in 2015, go online to St. Matthew website and click on the link to register and mail in your payment or electronically submit it as you would your contribution. Classes are 6:30 – 7:45pm Monday evenings September thru March. Tuition fee: one child \$110.00, two children \$165.00, three or more \$195.00. Classes will be held again at Early Childhood School and SS Cosmas and Damian Hall. Any questions please call the rectory at 610-828-0424 ext6.

### ***We Celebrate the Sacraments***

St. Matthews will celebrate the sacraments of First Penance on March 14, 2016, and First Eucharist on April 30, 2016.

## God's Plan for Giving

June 21, 2015

**WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR  
YOUR OFFERTORY**

**GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:**

**\$11,965.56**

Electronic giving \$604.11 + \$11,361.45 = \$11,965.56



### **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)

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](http://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. 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)



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



*TO OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS OF  
CONSHOHOCKEN*

*Thank you for all your gifts and thoughtful cards and wishes. We are especially grateful for your prayers. As each Sister of St. Joseph moves to a new residence, we take you and your intentions with us.*

*God's best Blessings on you,  
The SSJ's of St. Matthew Convent*

### **SUMMER BOOK CLUB:**



Do you enjoy reading novels? Does Summer give you a bit more free time? Allow yourself some leisure! **July 14** - The Power and the Glory, at **7 PM** parish meeting room off the rectory parking area. **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 [stammatt2014@gmail.com](mailto:stammatt2014@gmail.com)"

**OPUS DEI:** An Evening of Recollection for men will be offered on **Wednesday, July 22, 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)

**CatholicPhilly.com**



CatholicPhilly.com is a newsletter of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Events, local, national and international – of interest to the Catholic community – are covered along with color photographs. Add Catholicphilly.com to the list of favorites on your computer. It is important as Catholics, to understand what the church is all about and why she teaches what she does. Being well-informed allows us to have the conviction that Jesus and his church hold the keys the history of life itself. Well-informed, you may be of great assistance to someone who wishes to return to the community. There is no cost and it can be sent to you automatically.

**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)

**PARISHIONER IN NEED:** of a portable wheelchair if you have one to donate or have one reasonably priced please call Rita at 610-834-8691.

## 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 13<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!*

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Psalm 30 2Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15  
Mark 5:21-43

Most people will go to any lengths to avoid talking or thinking about death. We fear and dread it, and when it comes for us or for those close to us, we are angry and even more fearful. People spend billions avoiding it, delaying its effects, or trying to remain perpetually young. But as the old adage says, the mortality rate in life is 100%.

Jesus has the power to heal. We are all familiar with instances in which doctors have said "there is no hope" but they were wrong. Faith in the healing power of Our Lord brings us great comfort but it also raises a troubling question—why doesn't Jesus heal everyone? If He has the power, why doesn't He exercise that power every time we call upon Him?

Christian faith has little to do with what happens to us. Christian faith has everything to do with how we handle what happens to us. People of faith handle adversity differently from people who have no faith. We have resources that people without faith do not have.

Jesus restored the father's daughter to life by a simple touch; the woman was cured of her illness by simply touching the hem of Jesus' cloak.

We can help Our Lord bring life to our world by waking the world to the love of God by our life-giving words and our life-giving touch.

Jesus' arrival at the home of Jairus is greeted by resignation and grief as well as ridicule when Jesus suggests that the little girl is merely sleeping and will return to life. In both cases, the woman hemorrhaging for 12 years and the 12-year-old girl, God has the last say. God is the giver of life, and death need not be permanent.

Our negativity and doubt sometimes are the greatest hindrance to God's ability to work miracles in our midst.

## REFLECTIONS FROM MY ROCKING CHAIR



Let me introduce you to Pope Francis; no, not personally (I'll leave that for Fr. Heron). Have you ever noticed the joy that radiates from the face of the Holy Father? Let us listen for a moment to the prophet's voice (Pope Francis) which can be unsettling because it demands that we love God without compromise. He writes, *"The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is that desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of fruitless pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ or at least openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord."*

Have you ever noticed the joy that radiates from the face of Pope Francis? Consider his litany of joy from the Scripture cited in the opening of *The Joy of the Gospel*; Isaiah proclaims, "Shout aloud, sing for joy!" The Pope takes note of Sirach 14, "My child, treat yourselves well, according to your means. Do not deprive yourself of this day's enjoyment". At the annunciation Mary proclaims; "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior" (Luke). In John Jesus speaks to his disciples, "You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy" and "that my joy may be yours and your joy may be complete". The joy of the gospel is shared with the disciples in the Acts of the Apostles, "The first Christians ate their food with glad and generous hearts". Wherever the disciples went, "there was great joy"; even amid persecution they continue to be "filled with joy". The newly baptized eunuch "went on his way rejoicing", while Paul's jailer "and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God". We are invited, says the Holy Father, to enter into this great stream of joy. *"Instead of seeming to impose new obligations, Christians should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and to invite others to a delicious banquet. It is not by proselytizing that the church grows, but by attraction."*

The Pope recognizes that the parish is the primary place where people return to faith. So, we, as a parish need to be touched by the beauty of the Gospel. The Pope says that a Catholic cannot leave church looking as though they came from a funeral. Rather, they give witness to Christ by their joy. He writes, *"The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if it proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptability, it continues to be the church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters"*.

Let's not cower from the challenge the Pope presents. The Pope hopes that St. Matthew parish offers "an environment for hearing God's word" and "for growth in the Christian life".

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



End of Bulletin