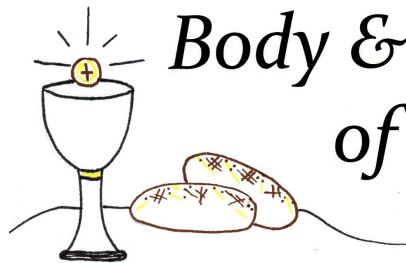


The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



June 7, 2015

Saturday, June 6

4:30PM Flora Raimondi

Sunday, June 7

7:30AM Stephen Opiela & Mark Ambler

9:30AM Yolanda Esposto-Novoi

11:30AM Katherine Curtin

Joseph Siriani

Monday, June 8

8:15AM Margaret Herbert

Tuesday, June 9

8:15AM Julius & Mary Renner

Wednesday, June 10

8:15AM Susie Paparo

Thursday, June 11

8:15AM Florence M. Bowe

Friday, June 12

8:15AM Dec'd Members of the Ferez Family

Saturday, June 13

4:30PM William Mellon

Sunday, June 14

7:30AM Eleanor Blanch

9:30AM Mireille Shuggi

11:30AM Michael Kovach

John Wisniewski

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 Blaszczyk, 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.

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, Tech Sgt Eric Zweiback

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

6/6 4:30 Fr. Heron

6/7 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Curry 11:30 Fr. Ames

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.

THANK YOU TO FR. AMES AND FR. CURRY:

Please join us today after the 11:30 AM Mass. We will be having a reception for Fr. Ames and Fr. Curry. The reception will be on the front lawn of St. Matt's Church. All are invited.

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 and click on the survey link. The survey will be closing soon. We value your opinion.



Fr. Sean Toole a newly ordained Jesuit priest from SS Cosmas & Damian will

celebrate his first Mass here at St. Matthew Parish on **Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 11:30 AM**. We graciously welcome Fr. Sean's family and friends.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: on June 10th at 7PM in the rectory.

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."

UPDATE: PROPERTY EVALUATION AND PLANNING

This past weekend in *OUR SUNDAY VISITOR*, Archbishop Chaput is quoted as saying, "We have an excessive amount of buildings for the number of practicing Catholics today. And it's really important that we don't let all our resources go into maintaining unnecessary buildings. We have to make sure the resources are going into preaching the Gospel, and new initiatives of evangelization and re-evangelization".

The newly formed St. Matthew Parish will soon complete its first year. We are facing two major challenges. One is underused properties that are in fact draining financial resources, the other is seeking approval to re-purpose the school on the parish grounds of St. Matthews into a vibrant parish center. Resolving these two issues, in collaboration with the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee, it is agreed that we should begin the process to relegate St. Gertrude's. The primary reason for relegation is the cost of \$51,164 as of May 1st to maintain the property while in the past year St. Gertrude's has only been used on three occasions to celebrate Masses of Christian Burial. The Archdiocese has given Father Heron permission to request relegation of St. Gertrude's in July 2015.

Secondly, the re-purposing of the school into a parish center has been presented to the Archdiocesan Building Committee and will go to the College of Consultors June 18th for approval. The plan for re-purposing is to occur in phases. Phase One is to provide office space at ground level, meeting and conference room space on the second and third levels that will be handicap accessible via an elevator. The next phases will provide for the PREP/CCD program, the Early Childhood Program and DayCare.

As we move through this process, we will share not only the decisions we make, but also any relevant information or data used to make these decisions. This information will be communicated in the parish bulletin in the weeks ahead. We are grateful for your continued support and understanding as we go through this process. Most importantly, please continue to pray for the long-term success of our parish. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Next Week: Highlights of key facts for consideration

God's Plan for Giving

May 31, 2015

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

\$11,925

Electronic giving \$460 + \$11,465 = \$11,925



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

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.

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.**

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 3rd 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

Classified Ad – Science Teaching Position

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has one opening for a full time teaching position in a combined roster of secondary physics and chemistry for the 2015-2016 school year. Degree required. Experience and certification preferred. Qualified applicants asked to email a cover letter and resume by Monday, June 15th to Mary Ann Danovich, Vice Principal, at madanovich@merion-mercy.com.

Cleaning Position: The Hines Rowing Center, 801 Washington St., Conshohocken, PA, needs a person to clean the women's and men's locker rooms and bathrooms, Mon, Wed. & Fri. during mid-day 11 am to 2 pm. Must provide approved PA Child Abuse Clearance and State Police Criminal Record Check. All supplies will be provided. Please send resume to: ltrench-hines@hinesrowingcenter.com or call 267-440-4166 or 610-331-0885 Monday through Thursday.

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 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. 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!

Exodus 24:3-8 Psalm 116 Hebrews 9:11-15 Mark 14:12-26

Jesus said: "I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry."

It is at the heart of our faith. Jesus is our Eucharistic Lord. Simple bread. Unleavened bread. Transformed bread. Bread blessed. Bread broken. Bread given. Bread shared. Bread for this arduous journey. Bread that sustains. Bread that enlivens. Bread that is the flesh of the Son of God. Jesus is the real Bread that has come down from heaven. True manna. Good bread.

Bread broken. Yes, always broken before shared. Christ knows what it means to be broken. In the Epistle to the Hebrews it says that "Christ learned obedience from what He suffered." The root of the word "obedience" is the Latin *obedire*—to listen, to hear. In Christ's suffering He learned how to really hear the cries of the human heart. The Lord grew in His appreciation of what it is to be human, the suffering that entails—some inflicted by others, some inflicted by ourselves, some inflicted just by living in this world. Saint Teresa of Avila, the sixteenth century Spanish Carmelite reformer, spoke of the Lord's attitude towards obedience in this way: "The Lord, when it comes to those He loves, does not wish them to travel a path other than the path He took." That is the path of pain and suffering love.

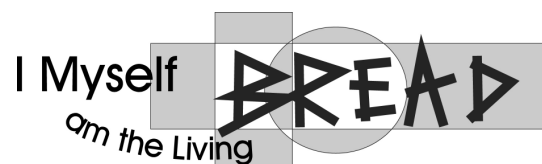
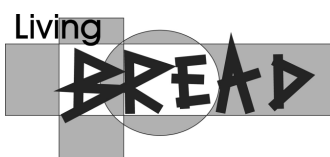
REFLECTIONS FROM MY ROCKING CHAIR

Father Heron and I had the privilege of attending the convocation of all the diocesan priests in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, meeting at the Hershey Convention Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The topic was "The Priest Fully Engaged" and the speaker, Matthew Kelly and our host, the Archbishop.

I took special interest in the speaker's presentation of the Daily Examen. I thought it helpful enough to pass along to you. It may enliven your prayer life and deepen your appreciation that God can be found in all things. It is a bold claim we Christians make when we speak of the Incarnation. In becoming a human being, God "stoops low" (St. John Chrysostom) in order to walk with us day by day.

Take twenty minutes alone, in the quiet, with an awareness that God is close:

- 1 GRATITUDE: Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.
- 2 AWARENESS: Revisit: the times in the past 24 hours when you were and were not the best version of yourself. Talk to God about the situations and what you learn from them.
- 3 SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS: Identify something you experienced in the last twenty-four hours and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).
- 4 PEACE: Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or God himself).
- 5 FREEDOM: Speak with God about how he is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the best version of yourself.
- 6 OTHERS: Lift up anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them. Blessings, Msgr. Tom Owens (stmatt2014@gmail.com)



End of Bulletin